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'Stay off the ice'

Drownings affect region, rescuers

By Ben Hellman

Following last Saturday's deaths of four Lawrence boys and the rescue of three others who fell through the ice on the Merrimack River in Lawrence, Andover firefighters are offering the following advice to curious children: "Stay off the ice!"

"At most of the ponds in Andover, especially Haggetts Pond, the water is moving," said Andover firefighter Jim Dolan. The water levels of Andover's ponds also fluctuate with rainfall, making the ice thinner in some areas. Although some adults allow children onto the ponds after they have checked the ice thickness, because ice conditions can change so rapidly, the Andover Fire Department does not vouch for the safety of pond ice, he said.

Rivers are never safe because the water is moving and ice never freezes to consistent thicknesses, said Dolan.

That became abundantly clear again last Saturday following the tragedy in Lawrence that shook several families and the Merrimack Valley community at large.

"They all have kids, so it affected each and every one of them."

FIREFIGHTER JIM DOLAN, ON ANDOVER FIREFIGHTERS WHO RESPONDED TO DROWNINGS IN LAWRENCE

Andover firefighters attended three hours of peer grief counseling after assisting Lawrence EMS in the search for the four boys who drowned in the Merrimack, and the three who survived.

Armand Guilmette, Dan Guillet and Phillip Boulanger of Engine Co. 3 in West Andover responded to the river tragedy

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Nighttime hold-up at general store in Vale

By Ben Hellman

Two men who robbed Sunday's General Store in Ballardvale on Tuesday may be involved with a string of Merrimack Valley robberies, say police.

At 8:30 p.m., around closing time for the store, two young men entered Sunday's with what was described by police as a "plastic-looking" gun. One of the owners, whose name is being withheld, was alone in the store at the time of the robbery and was unavailable for comment immediately afterwards.

"They're pretty shaken up," said a detective at the scene Tuesday evening.

Investigating Officer James Reilly said that the young men were in and out of the store in seconds and that a third man was waiting for them in a brown or black pick-up truck. The truck matched descriptions of vehicles that were used in similar robberies in Billerica, Tewksbury and Methuen this week, said police.

Reilly couldn't comment on the amount of money the robbers got away with, but said that they did escape with some cash.

Sunday's is located on Andover Street, near the Ballardvale Post Office and Ballardvale commuter rail station.

Commuter bus to Boston won't stall

By Dinah Kay Cardin

Bus commuters to Boston will not be left out in the cold this winter, as the Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority will continue the service to be dropped by Trombly Bus Lines, following an incident with a alleged drunk bus driver last month.

By collecting funds from the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and eliminating one of its three daily runs, MVRTA will assume formal operation of the Lawrence/Andover/Boston service on Jan. 6, said Stephen Colyer, the town's representative to the MVRTA Board.

"Two of the three runs into Boston will continue to operate, which is better than losing the service altogether," said Colyer.

About 128 people take the trip from Andover, Lawrence and Methuen each day, with 80 to 90 percent of riders boarding

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Coming this week in the Sunday Eagle-Tribune

- **In Sports.** It's time for Patriots MVP Troy Brown to kick it up a notch to help his team have a chance at the playoffs.
- **In Lifestyle.** Holiday decorating turns ornate this year.
- **In Business.** The 2003 financial forecast: how it looks for people who have been out of work for longer than a year.

STORIES OF THE SEASON

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Abigail Johnson, 2, enjoys watching a moving train in the window of Irresistibles in downtown Andover. For more on what residents enjoy best about Christmas, see page 11. For more on how downtown businesses are using such window displays, see Business, page 15.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Nathan Oh, 6, puts the finishing touches on his gingerbread house. For more gingerbread-making photos, see Townspeople, page 11.

The Guatemalan reindeer

Not all of Santa's helpers are from the North Pole

By Dinah Kay Cardin

The line to get into Santa's Village in Brickstone Square Sunday night at 5:45 is at least 80 bodies long. Most of these bodies are tiny, of course, and encased in colorful coats, mittens and hats.

The scene is out of a storybook, as people mill beneath the Brickstone Tree, a nearly 90-year-old Norway spruce Christmas tree, reaching 100 feet and covered in 30,000 twinkling lights.

Brickstone's Rudolph eyes a young fan.

Wearing a sophisticated black beret and bright red coat with faux fur accents, Bridget Cadigan, 8, is ready to put her letter to Santa in the village's mailbox, asking him for a dollhouse.

"Open, open," a blonde boy and girl at the front of the line chant toward the red-and-white gate separating them from the village of bright light. "I can see a whole village in the back," a mother says, naming what she can see from her slight height advantage.

"He's going to come flying through here," one man says.

"He," normally would be a reference to Santa Claus. But in this Santa's Village on this particular night, "he" refers to Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer, the starter in the big man's first-string team of flying deer.

This reporter's mission: To get close to the person behind Andover's Rudolph to find out what training has prepared him for this role. To learn the secrets behind his waving technique and his ability to dance, all within the confines of a cumbersome reindeer costume that obscures his vision.

Two Andover police officers stand guard at a gate marked "Exit Only," my only passage to the reindeer before he will be surrounded by children. Rudolph, they report, is on break, tired from doing a children's party earlier in the evening.

A group of little girls approaches the officers

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Home ... if only in her dreams

Mother of US Navy captain overseas will miss son at Christmas

By Ben Hellman

Only a mother could truly understand Louise Hart's plight. A week before her son's birthday and two weeks before Christmas, her son, Navy specialist Eric Day, was called back to service last week and couldn't even tell her where he was going.

"It was absolutely unexpected," said Hart, who hoped to have Day home for his birthday and the holidays.

Day is the captain of a C-130 cargo plane, and in the war against terrorism he has shipped equipment and troops to hot spots around the world. He was home on leave when he got the call.

For a single mother who took pride in planning elaborate birthday parties for her sons while they were growing up, Hart says the timing was hard. "As Americans, we expect some sort of orderliness to our lives. It's not the way this war operates," said Hart.

Day has been all over the globe during the last year. Whenever he gets home, it isn't long before he's called again.

"We're at war, there's no question of that. Our servicemen are in harm's way," said Hart, who noted that the battles are taking place on many fronts around the world. "It's a totally different war than we know from our parents. It's a true world war."

Day has ferried Navy SEALs and other advanced troops to secret locations, which is nerve-wracking for Hart. "The public doesn't have the right to know, not even mothers," she said. "When I asked him when we would see him again, he said, 'There's no certainty.'"

The only method Hart has of figuring out what her son may be doing is watching the news when she does know where he is. "That's horrible for a mother. I don't know

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PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Louise Hart's son, Eric Day, was called away last week to help with the war on terrorism. She says she'll particularly miss him on Christmas Day.

COURTESY PHOTO

Andover native and US Navy Captain Eric Day has been traveling frequently, helping to deliver supplies and troops.

Away for Christmas

■ NAVY BLUE

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what (mothers) did (during) World War II or the Korean War, but this is horrible," said Hart.

Hart worries about Day no matter where he is, believing US soldiers are at risk everywhere they go. In allied Bahrain, in the Persian Gulf, extremists hung effigies of American soldiers over the fences. Troops could only exit planes under the cover of machine gunners.

Eric Day

Even in Italy, a country Hart says her son spent time in this year, there was heightened security. To leave the base, servicemen had to use the buddy system, each traveling with two other soldiers. "That's in Italy. There's no place in the world where our soldiers can rest their heads," said Hart.

All of this is tough on a mom. "When he was growing up I knew where he was at 10 p.m. Now I don't even know where he is at 10 a.m.," she said. When Day was named Selected Reservist Bluejacket Sailor of the Year and received a citation and plaque, Hart only found out about the event when she got a photo of it.

John Doherty, town veteran services agent, said he knows of six or seven people from Andover are currently on active duty.

Commuter bus keeps rolling, with one less trip

■ BUS TO BOSTON

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in Andover, said the MVRTA's Administrator Joseph J. Costanzo. The new schedule of two morning runs and two evening runs, which begins Dec. 23, should have already been given to riders by their driver, he says.

Trombly's service is currently subsidized $525 a day by the MBTA. The commitment to continue its financial help was made by the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction and the MBTA on Dec. 10, said Costanzo. Officials decided stability was needed to keep loyal public-transportation riders.

"If it disappeared, it would never come back," he said. "People would make other choices to drive, car pool or take the train. You just can't have pieces of the puzzle of a public transit network evaporate, because you just can't get the customers back."

Assistance and involvement of the state operations was the "lynch pin" to keeping the service running, said Colyer, who is also the town's director of planning.

Without it, the buses would have stopped running, he said, unless the town had pitched in, which he said didn't seem possible given local budget difficulties.

The MVRTA will be exploring new ways to improve the service, said Costanzo, working to find funding to reinstate the dropped run, to look for a less congested route in and out of Boston and to streamline the regional transit network by coordinating with the T and using joint ticketing.

"We're already talking about if someone can use a commuter rail pass on the bus if they miss their train. We would like bus service to compliment the commuter rail, rather than compete with it," Costanzo said.

Jim Trombly filed to discontinue his service, shortly after an allegedly intoxicated driver terrorized passengers Nov. 18, swerving north along Interstate 93 in rush hour traffic on the B-5 route. But Costanzo said Trombly had mentioned to him his desire to drop the service before the incident happened and was planning to operate it only through the end of the year.

"He told me they were not related. He was seriously considering discontinuing the service anyway," said Costanzo.

A fleet of five MVRTA buses had been leased by Trombly. The transit authority will now take four of them back, adding their red, white and blue colors and logo, said Costanzo. Meanwhile Trombly will continue to operate a park-and-ride operation with one bus.

"It's probably really short dollars for the MBTA," said Colyer. "It's a critical transit service. Bottom line, I think it's a great success story for preserving what I think it a critical transit need for people. If you have people who are interested in public transit and willing not to take their vehicles into Boston and they are willing to use public transit, that's a success story in and of itself."

Senior center decision expected this week

Poll shows preference among seniors for expanding current location

By Ben Hellman

The town will know soon where the Senior Center Task Force envisions the new senior center. A decision was to be announced Wednesday night after *Townsman* presstime.

Seniors gathered Tuesday night to hear the latest word from senior-center proponents on where they would meet to socialize in the years to come.

Architect Eric Moore from the architecture firm Lamoureux Pagano Associates said there were pros and cons to expanding the existing senior center on Whittier Court, behind Town Offices and the Doherty Middle School.

Many seniors prefer to stay at the current site, which is accessible and located close to downtown. The other site being considered is in West Andover.

The current location was the favorite of seniors who gathered Tuesday and of a larger group who were polled at the end of November. Selectman Mary Lyman said that 95 percent of those polled preferred to stay at Whittier Court location.

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Residents enjoyed a Hawaiian Luau this summer at the center.

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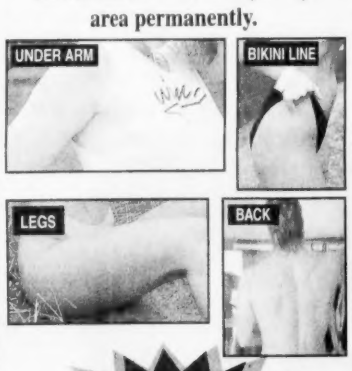

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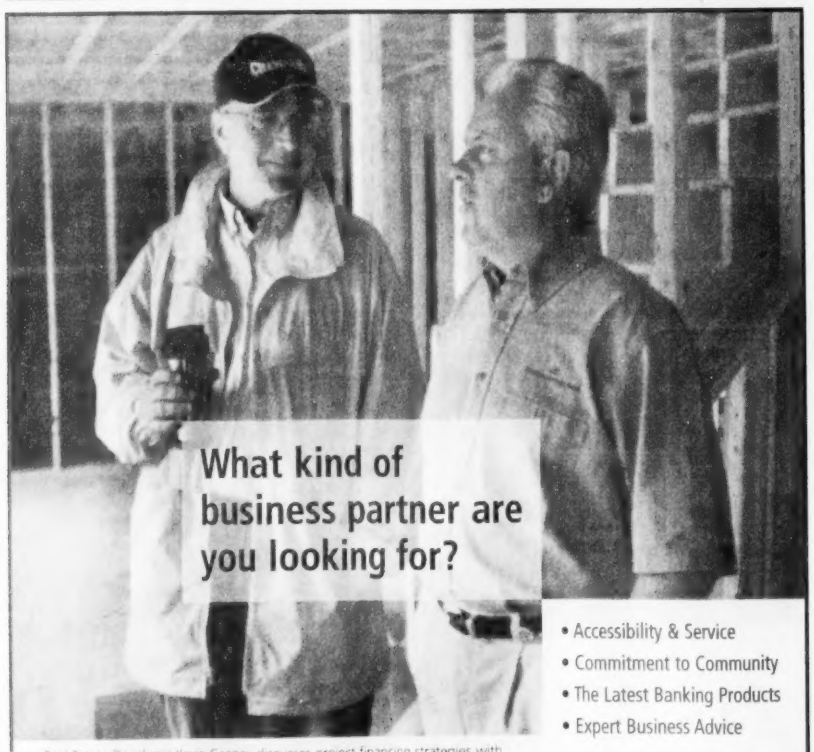

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PAST AND PRESENT

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The top photo, showing Andover's Main Street in February 1898, also makes it clear that, back in 1898, Andover didn't spend what it does today on snow removal. Andover's snowless modern and more well-traveled streets are shown in the bottom photo, taken Tuesday afternoon.

Catholics show relief

Many local Catholics expressed relief this week at the resignation of Cardinal Bernard Law. But congregants such as Jerry Dugal, a member of both St. Augustine's parish council and its Voice of the Faithful affiliate, say the resignation is just a start of the change that is needed.

"It is significant, and there is, of course, a lot more to be done – to be done not just in the diocese, but across the country and around the world," says Dugal.

Dugal believes more overseers must be removed from power, saying the incidents of abuse "need to be rooted out, adjudicated and healed." He also wants the Catholic Church to be less secretive and to give local priests and lay people greater control over decision-making. He doesn't believe he's alone. "A lot of people who weren't thinking in that direction have become converts," he says.

While Cardinal Law's resignation is not seen as a panacea for the wounds inflicted by the abuse scandal, it may have had some healing effects this week.

"I was up in the choir at Sunday Mass, and for the first time in a long time there were no seats. It was hard to get a seat after awhile. It may be a coincidence, or maybe more people came – or came back," he says.

– Neil Fater

Library hours

In observance of the holidays this season, Memorial Hall Library will operate with changes in its schedule. The library will be:

- open on Tuesday, Dec. 24 from 9 a.m. to noon;
- closed on Wednesday Dec. 25, Saturday Dec. 28, Sunday Dec. 29, and Wednesday Jan. 1; and
- open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 31.

Otherwise, the library is expected to be open during its usual hours: Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m to 9 p.m.; Fridays 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 9 a.m to 5:30 p.m.

Walking track closed for school vacation

Public walking at the Andover High School Field House is allowed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m., and on Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.

During school vacations the track will be closed to the public.

Quote, unquote . . .

YOU WANT TO ENTICE THEM with your windows and get them to take a peek inside.

– Maryse Lelièvre, a floral designer at KaBloom's on Main Street, talking about the importance of holiday-decorated windows for downtown businesses. **(Story, page 15)**

HE'S THE PIED PIPER...the kids just follow him."

– Roy Dennehy talking about Youth Services Director Bill Fahey. Some 50 Andover teens showed up to help at the Larry Robinson Road Race, starting at 6:30 a.m., after Fahey promised to get some volunteers. **(Story, page 11)**

News Calendar

Thursday, Dec. 19

Senior Center Task Force, Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St., 7 p.m.

Disabilities Commission, Memorial Hall Library, activity room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6

Board of Health, Town Offices, second floor, 6 to 9 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Finance Committee, sub committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7:30 a.m.

School Commmittee, School Administration Building, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

Spring Grove Cemetery, Town Offices, plant & facilities conference room, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, assessor's conference room, 9 a.m.

Early deadline for Townsman next two weeks

The *Townsman* will have early deadline the next two weeks because of the Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Arts, entertainment, business and school-news releases are due Friday at noon. News releases are due Friday by 5 p.m.

The *Townsman* offices will be closed both holidays.

Looking ahead to 2003

Election, Town Meeting set

The Annual town election will take place on Tuesday, March 25, 2003.

Elected offices on the ballot include: moderator, one position for one year; two selectmen slots, each seat for three years; two School Committee seats, each for three years; one Andover Housing Authority position for five years; one Greater Lawrence Regional Vocational Technical School District Committee position, for three years; and five positions on the Punchard Free School Trustees, for three years each.

The last day to submit nomination papers to the Board of Registrars to be nominated on the ballot is Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 5 p.m.

The Annual Town Meeting will be held April 28 and 29.

The last day to file a private warrant article for Town Meeting is Friday, Jan. 24 at 4:30 p.m. more than three months before the meeting.

Those interested in running for office, or who need more information on the filing of a private warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting should contact Randy Hanson, town clerk, at 978-623-8200.

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – At 6:25 p.m., Tonia Schramm, 54, of 14 Perlim St., Everett, was arrested at 40 River Road and charged with disorderly conduct.

Friday, Dec. 13 – At 7:23 a.m., Reynaldo Amill, 19, of 110 Cross St., Lawrence, was arrested at 150 Main St., and charged with disorderly conduct. Amill was stopped for running a red light and given a citation for not wearing a seat belt.

At 7:43 a.m., Everaldo Lemos, 43, of 846 Broadway, Everett, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – At 8:31 p.m., Miguel Baez, 29, of 66 Memorial Circle, was arrested and charged with assault and battery of a family member. Baez was later transported to Middleton.

Sunday, Dec. 15 – At 2:27 a.m., John Herling, 19, of 180 Main St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving recklessly and failing to stop for police.

At 7:24 p.m., Kevin Cardozo, 33, of 1 Torr St., was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and failing to keep to the right side of the road.

At 11:58 p.m. a 39-year-old Woburn man was found intoxicated, asleep in his car. He was taken into protective custody.

INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – At 12:42 p.m. a Rutgers Road resident reported receiving annoying phone calls.

Friday, Dec. 13 – At 10:08 a.m., a resident on Shawsheen Road reported children playing on a frozen pond. She was afraid for their safety.

At 11:08 a.m., a Hearthstone Place resident reported a black vehicle on Osgood Street. An officer reported that inside it were two cleaning ladies eating lunch.

At 7:26 p.m., a Mortimer Road resident reported hearing a woman screaming in the woods by her house. Officers could not find anyone and didn't hear screaming.

At 8:23 p.m., someone reported hearing the sounds of a wounded animal. An officer found a beagle but couldn't get near it.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – At 7:05

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Targeting drunks

Police focus on DUI, Dec. 16 to Jan. 1

Andover police will make an extra effor to target drunk drivers from now through Jan. 1.

Alcohol was involved in approximately half of the 477 motor vehicle-related fatalities in Massachusetts during 2001, according to police. To reduce impaired driving on roadways, the Andover Police Department will join more than 260 Massachusetts local police departments and the State Police in the winter-holidays mobilization of the governor's Highway Safety Bureau's Click It or Ticket Campaign.

"Drunk driving is a violent crime, not an innocent lapse in someone's judgment," said Chief Brian Pattullo. "During this upcoming holiday season, we'll have extra traffic enforcement looking for impaired drivers, as well as those who speed, drive aggressively, and do not use safety belts and child safety seats. All of this effort is to help ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable holiday season with family and friends."

The Click It or Ticket campaign's Thanksgiving mobilization helped to reduce motor-vehicle-related fatalities from 10 during the 2002 and 2001 Thanksgiving holiday periods to three reported fatalities during this year's holiday period. Nine people died in motor-vehicle crashes over the 2001 Christmas and New Year's holiday periods.

"Our winter-holiday mobilization will focus public attention on the dangers posed by drunk driving and it will be an opportunity to remind people that always wearing a safety belt is one's best defense against a drunk driver," said Nancy J. Luther, Executive Director of the Governor's Highway Safety Bureau.

The battle to reduce drunk driving in Massachusetts got a boost last month with the enactment of a law requiring judges to consider drunk driving convictions further back than 10 years when sentencing offenders. Earlier convictions will now be taken into consideration by judges at sentencing time, with allowance being made only for second offenders with a first conviction more than 10 years ago. Between 16,000 and 18,000 people are arrested annually for impaired driving in Massachusetts. There were 120,000 drivers with one prior DUI conviction and 65,000 with two or more DUI convictions in Massachusetts in 2001.

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Firefighters, children shaken by outcome

■ UNSAFE ICE

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believing all the victims could be saved. Each of the men suited up to withstand the cold of the river, and Boulanger went into the icy water to recover the fourth victim.

"They all have kids, so it affected each and every one of them," said Deputy James Lynch. Lynch said that because children are often revived after being submerged in cold water, the Andover firefighters – along with Lawrence firefighter Billy Cunningham, who was the first in the water – expected the boys to be revived.

"It certainly was a shock," said Lynch.

Lynch said that the rescue attempt was made more difficult and nerve-wracking by driving rains and the onset of night. "It was a real difficult situation," he said.

When the Andover firefighters heard that the four boys died, they were devastated. After the harrowing rescue attempt and the tragic outcome, the men spent three hours talking about the experience with fellow firefighters.

Children who frequent the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club also were offered counseling.

Andover volunteers, including Doherty Middle School Counselor Michael Wartman participated in a meeting at the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club that drew more than 200 children who knew the four victims of Saturday's Merrimack River tragedy, or were otherwise traumatized by the deaths.

"We didn't know what we would encounter or what the children's needs would be. When we arrived and started working with the children, we found they were feeling a great deal of fear surrounding the loss of their four friends. I invited the Lawrence Fire Department to come and answer questions about the rescue and reinforce safety issues," said Andover resident Jayan Conlin, director of the Trauma Intervention Program of Merrimack Valley (TIP).

"As the firemen were fielding questions it became more clear to us that it would be helpful for the children to replace the terrifying images in the paper from the day before – of the unsuccessful outcome of the water rescue – with a successful-outcome water rescue," she added. "I couldn't help but wonder if this was helpful for the fireman as well."

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POLICE LOG

■ INCIDENTS

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a.m., a Chestnut Street resident reported that someone had just knocked on his door and when he answered the door, he saw a female from several doors down leaving his driveway. He reported that all of the Christmas lights from the neighborhood were scattered in his driveway and his car was covered in birdseed. An officer met with the other resident.

At 11:50 a.m., a resident on Spring Grove Road reported some flooding in the street.

At 1:10 p.m., a resident turned in a shopping bag with money and jewelry that his wife found at Shawsheen Plaza.

At 3:52 p.m. an officer assisted Lawrence police in searching for missing kids that were on the Merrimack River.

At 5:14 p.m. a Frye Circle resident complained that a neighbor was calling his wife names. An officer gave the woman some advice on what to do if someone called her names.

At 5:17 p.m., a resident reported being harassed by his neighbor. An officer said that this is an ongoing problem and there was nothing to file.

At 5:30 p.m., a resident reported that Highland Avenue was impassible due to sewer-project problems. An officer reported that the road was in rough shape from rain, but not impassible and filed a report.

At 6:44 p.m. an officer reported flooding at South Main Street.

At 7:31 p.m. an officer reported a large puddle on Greenwood Road.

At 9:33 p.m. a Mohawk Road resident reported receiving harassing phone calls for two days.

Sunday, Dec. 15 – At 11:23 a.m., a Spring Grove Road resident complained of no heat or hot water.

At 7:24 p.m., a Shawsheen Road resident reported hearing car sounds at the high school and thought students might be drag racing.

Monday, Dec. 16 – At 1:22 a.m., a resident reported that an intoxicated man had assaulted his daughter and threatened him. The man was in the resident's driveway. An officer reported no assault, just an argument. The man left the resident's driveway.

At 7:15 a.m., Paula Thompson reported that the Greater Lawrence Technical School had received a bomb threat. A male caller said the bomb was set to go off at 7:40 a.m.

At 8:11 a.m., a firefighter reported a resident wanted to speak to an officer about some tree cutting in the area.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 – At 11:44 a.m., a person came into the station to report being assaulted at the Greater Lawrence Technical School.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Tuesday, Dec. 10 – At 6:18 p.m. someone reported that a school bus had brushed against his car, breaking his side mirror.

Saturday, Dec. 14 – At 5:30 p.m., a resident reported her blue 1994 Volkswagen Jetta missing from a North Main Street parking lot. An officer entered the vehicle into a national database for stolen vehicles.

Monday, Dec. 16 – At 6:05 a.m. a resident reported that two cars had been broken into on Exeter Way and some CDs were stolen.

At 7:35, a front desk clerk on Campanelli Road reported that a guest's car had been broken into. An officer reported that it was an attempt to steal the car.

At 12:13 p.m., a Lucerne Drive resident reported her 1985 Honda Prelude had been stolen in the last two days.

At 9:35 p.m., a Spruce Circle resident reported that someone had broken into her vehicle during the night.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Dec. 11 – At 1:39 p.m. an officer filed a report of stolen drug prescriptions on North Main Street.

Thursday, Dec. 12 – At 9:30 a.m. a computer at Andover High School was reported stolen.

Monday, Dec. 16 – At 7:33 a.m., someone reported items stolen from a construction trailer on River Road.

ACCIDENTS

Saturday, Dec. 14 – At 3:52 p.m., there was a two-car collision on Railroad Street after a car ignored a stop sign, according to the log. An officer gave the driver a written warning. One driver reported injuries.

VANDALISM

Two incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

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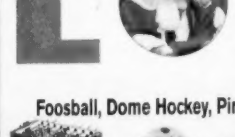

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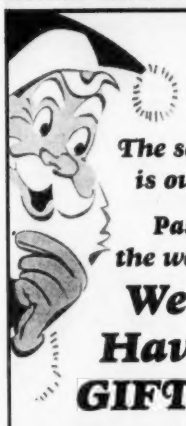

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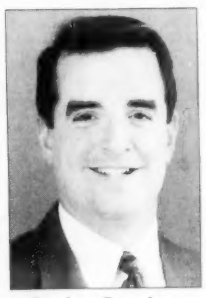

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Vision 21 Committee - Looking to the future

Residents want homes for regular people

By Neil Fater

When Andover residents look to the fututre, what do they want to see? Well, what they *don't* want to see is a community full of mansions, with no room for the middle class.

That was the message from a group of residents who gathered last week to dicuss the type of Andover they dream of living in, 20 or more years from now.

About 40 people joined the Vision 21 Committee and its paid consultant to offer opinions on what the ideal Andover would need. The residents split into four groups, and each group created a top-five list of desires. Each of the four groups had one thing in common: they all wanted the town to have housing for people of all income levels.

"I've seen the mansionization happen here," says Joan Johnson, a real-estate agent. "I couldn't afford to buy my own house right now. My son will be coming here and I'm not sure he could afford it."

Some residents said they attended the meeting specifically because of that issue.

"I just felt so concerned with the things that we were losing. We have a vibrant community, but it's being lost, specifically economically," says John Baker, of South Main Street. "I feel we're losing a lot of the character and *characters* that we had. When I came here 30 years ago we were all over the lot (in terms of income), and I loved it."

Having an active downtown, providing excellent education and keeping citizens involved with town government were other items championed by at least half of the four groups.

But there is something else those involved with creating a vision for Andover want. They want more people to offer their opinions. "We could use some additional participation from people – especially young people," says Ray Hender, selectman. "They're the people who have a stake in this."

"There's not a soul in the room under 35," noted Joe Dorsey, Vision 21 Committee member.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Dog licenses are going up for Sophie and Mia, two golden retrievers owned by Nicole and Michelle Gagnon, and their parents Maria and David Gagnon.

Every dog has its tax

By Judy Wakefield

Budget woes continue in Andover as town officials are bracing themselves for expected cuts in state aid. Department heads are scrambling to raise money wherever possible.

Fees for a wide variety of services, such as dog licenses and town burial plots, have already gone up while fees for marriage licenses, building permits, and storage room and inflammable license fees may follow the trend.

Selectman Brian Major said he didn't want to "nickel and dime citizens" but selectmen voted in favor of the dog-fee increase last week and the cemetery plot fee increase last month.

The nickel and diming starts with the dogs, because January is the time for dog-license renewals. The new year will ring in with a $10 cost for the license tag, an increase of $2.

The increase is expected to bring in about $4,500 as 2,300 dogs are currently licensed in Andover, according to the town clerk's office.

It's been six years since the dog-license fee increased. In 1996, the fee jumped from $5 to $8 in Andover.

Even at $10, Andover charges less than many other communities, according to Town Clerk Randy Hanson. She said some communities are jumping from $10 to $15 next year.

Every January, dog owners are expected to renew their dog licenses. Late renewals will continue to cost owners additional cash. Those who wait until March or later to get a 2003 dog license, will be charged an extra $2 per month. That fee is the same as this year.

Hanson said she is continuing to survey other communities to see how Andover stacks up with various fees. Once completed, she will present selectmen with ideas for other fee increases. No other fee increases are planned at this time.

Last month, it was the cemetery fees feeling the budget pinch. Selectmen raised cemetery fees 11 percent. It now costs $600 to buy a plot in a town cemetery.

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Michael Murnane (right) pinned a Bronze Star on his father, John J. Murnane, who was honored for his military service during the US Air Force Band of Liberty concert on Friday.

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Rudolph costume suits worker

■ **REINDEER**

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with purpose in their stride. They hold hands and the larger, obviously more mature asks: "What time is it?"

"It's five minutes 'til," one of the officer's replies. It doesn't sound like any time of day this girl had ever heard of.

"Is that a long time?" she asks, matter-of-factly.

Then over the little village's hill appears two employees of Riverside Landscaping, the company responsible for the event for the past 13 years.

They explained that today's Rudolph is from Guatemala and does not speak English.

"I played Rudolph on opening night at the tree lighting ceremony," offered Chris Deming, 15, from North Reading.

Apparently the person behind the costume changes nightly.

"It's very easy," he continues. "You just have to pay attention to the kids. You just shake hands and kids will say 'Oh look, it's Frosty,' or 'It's a reindeer,' and they flip out!"

The drawback, he says, is having to remain totally silent. "We're not allowed to talk or really communicate."

The job of being a reindeer has taught him better people skills, says Deming, with total sincerity. He feels he has gained patience by dealing with seemingly endless group photos. "They have to grab Grandma and Grandpa and take 10 minutes to get the picture," he says.

Being Frosty, he found, was more difficult because Frosty's costume does not include shoe coverings.

"People would say 'nice cross trainers,'" he says.

Rudolph, on the other hand, has shoe coverings, a full-face mask and mittens, he says. The full body suit is so warm you can wear a T-shirt and shorts underneath.

The conversation is interrupted by a stampede of parents and children suddenly entering the village. Beyond the merry-go-round, petting zoo of miniature donkeys and cardboard cutouts of carolers is Rudolph, whose brown, furry head can be seen above the crowd. He and Frosty greet the hordes.

The costumes are slimmer than the usual high-school mascots'. Rudolph's fur and Frosty's snow looked as though they've been petted by many sticky and eager hands. Sure enough, Frosty's blue and white sneakers protrude from his costume.

But the children, whose eyes light up when they see the characters, don't seem to mind. Each child seems to get his or her own special wave from the characters, even those kids who are too little to care or are mostly just afraid.

The children try to climb Rudolph, as he picks up a few of them and bounces with them. They yell out to him or whisper their secrets and he nods dutifully.

"Kids will say, 'Oh look, it's a reindeer,' and they flip out!"

CHRIS DEMING, ONE OF THE LANDSCAPE WORKERS WHO HELP PLAY THE COSTUMED CHARACTERS AT BRICKSTONE SQUARE

Just then, from outside the fence the friendly teasing comes: "Olaaaa, Rudolph!"

Four young, Hispanic men laugh and mimic their friend in the suit. One of them leans in to hug Rudolph and grabs his tail.

They are Rudolph's co-workers. Hector Morales, 23, speals English and will help with the language barrier for the night.

After everyone is inside, Rudolph turns to go in and lowers his head to see out the big mesh eyes. His friends follow.

It isn't easy to convince Rudolph to take a short break to talk about his experience as a reindeer.

Nathan Lyons, also from Riverside, hands off his duty of running the merry-go-round to get us set up in the warmth of the company's trailer behind the village.

The song Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer suddenly comes piping from the merry-go-round, a song Morales swears he does not know, in English or Spanish, though children in Guatemala are quite aware of Rudolph, he says.

With his costume head removed, 28-year-old Jorge Lopez is sweating and smiling, playfully putting on more props: Santa's white hair and gold specs.

FILE PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

No matter who's in the suit, Rudolph is a hit with a number of kids each year.

With the help the interpreter, it is learned that Lopez lives in Lawrence, and has for three years. He has worked for the company two and a half years and finds playing Rudolph not only a highlight of Christmas, but one of the best duties he has had, beating the usual mowing and snow shoveling.

"These guys are the hardest workers," Lyons says later. "They come over here and all they do is work."

For Christmas, Lopez and Morales will do nothing special, they say, maybe share a few beers and hang out with friends, since their families are all in Guatemala.

It turns out that Lopez, so good with the crowd of kids, has a son back in Guatemala, who he hasn't seen since he came to this country.

His 7-year-old son is no doubt on his mind as he returns to work in Santa's Village, bouncing along with the local kids, literally at times shaking his tail to the music.

SPECIAL DELIVERIES

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Above: Marine SSgt. Chris Gibbel and Internal Revenue Service worker Brenda Wilson check out some toys paid for with money donated by Andover IRS workers. Marines will deliver the Toys for Tots loot to needy children. Below: Members of the US Air Force Band of Liberty delighted a Collins Center crowd on Friday night, playing tunes during their holiday concert.

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Opinion

Peace on earth

STOP. THINK. Step back and prioritize. Devote your time and limited resources to that which you hold most dear. That is exactly the call that goes out to town officials when they embark on side projects that seem to pale in importance to projects that satisfy the more basic and passionate needs of Andover residents.

But this time of year, it's also advice that many of us could use in our personal lives.

Many residents will be dashing about this week, picking up last-minute gifts or appearing at multiple functions. But residents should also take time to go for a stroll with a loved one, or to sled down a hill with a gleeful child. We all should find time to gaze at the festive lights and decorations of the season, to sit and talk, to engage in those projects we find personally satisfying, but to which we devote little time.

For Christians, this time of year is about a unique birth that the faithful believe gives a fresh start to everyone. For all residents, New Year's Day marks a symbolic *rebirth*, a time to cast aside the mistakes of the past, and commit to an improved future.

Let's all take a moment and enter the new year reborn in some way. Let's stop, think, and focus ourselves on what we hold most dear.

Web question

Head to head battle: Mr. Potter versus Heat Miser

Last week's *Townsman* Web-site question was:

What should be done about the turkey invasion in Andover?

- 9 people, or 28 percent, said "Turkeys are wildlife and should be able to roam around as they please."
- 7, or 22 percent, said "The root of the problem seems to be the construction. Turkeys are being forced to find new places to roost. Developers should take responsibility and find new roosting areas for the turkeys."
- 1, or 3 percent, said "Andover police department has euthanized at least one town turkey and should continue to do so."
- 12, or 38 percent, said "Allow hunting again in Andover."
- 3, or 9 percent, said "Other."

This week's Web question is:

What's your favorite Christmas production?

- Movie: *It's a Wonderful Life*
- Movie: *Miracle on 34th Street*
- Movie: *The Christmas Story* ("You'll shoot your eye out!")
- Cartoon: *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*
- Cartoon: *Frosty The Snowman*
- TV Animation: *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* (Island of Misfit toys)
- TV Animation: *The Year Without a Santa Claus* (Heat and Snow Miser)
- Ballet: *Nutcracker*
- Play: *A Christmas Carol* (Scrooge)
- Other

To cast a vote, surf to www.andovertownsman.com.

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THE *Townsman* accepts letters to the editor from the community. Letters must be typed and no longer than two, double-spaced pages. All letter writers must include addresses and phone numbers with their letters. The phone numbers will not be published.

The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

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SEASON OF LIGHT

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

A worker strolls by a local flower shop, as the lights within the shop leave a loud, if backward, message on the sidewalk.

LETTERS

Competition for town towing

Editor, *Townsman:*

I write today to question why the town of Andover utilizes, exclusively, the Elm Street Automotive Service for their town towing.

Our family had a family car towed this past weekend. The rates that we were charged were exorbitant. I found the service we received belittling and unnecessary.

I also question whether the car truly needed to be towed. There was no attempt made to locate the driver, even though the car was parked directly in front of the house the driver was visiting. The driver could have received a fine, a ticket, and then he could have moved the car if that was what was required. Instead the car was towed, leaving a person stranded at 11 p.m.

The officer that I spoke with on the following Sunday morning made reference to at least eight other cars that were towed that night. That seems a rather high number for a town such as Andover.

Payments made to Elm Street Automotive must be made in cash or by a certified bank check, which of course is not an option available on Saturday or Sunday. This is a business that has been conducting business for many years in Andover. I find it hard to understand why Elm Street Automotive has not taken steps to arrange for credit-card use. Apparently cash is preferable for it.

The rates that Elm Street Automotive charge residents for towing services seems far above the norm found in other towns. To have a car towed less than two miles should not cost $95. Why are we being charged so much? Is there an assumption being made that we can afford it because we live in Andover? If so, is that a fair assumption?

In addition, I found the service that I received when I arrived to pick up my car on Sunday, Dec. 1, appalling. Who monitors a company that has exclusive rights to all the town towing jobs?

Elm Street Automotive apparently has no concern for its behavior and its pricing because they have the monopoly on the town's business.

I would truly like to see records of companies that were allowed to place bids for towing work in Andover. It seems that allowing this company to exclusively handle all of the town towing has created a monster.

It never worries about consequences for its actions because after all, the only company that Andover will use will be Elm Street Automotive. Isn't it nice to have such job security?

Juanita Singh
5 Freemont Lane

Editor's note: Police Chief Brian Pattullo says the town does not put the contract out to bid, but that no company other than Elm Street Automotive has expressed interest in the contract in recent years. Andover requires companies to have a fenced lot within two miles of the police station. Pattullo says towing fees are set by the state.

Yes, we have no Xmas trees

Neil Fater

It's easier to get a fur in Andover nowadays than a fir tree.

Think about it. A person can walk down Main Street and pick out a plush fur coat. But is there a single place in the entire town of Andover a person can buy a live Christmas tree? Even one that Charlie Brown would reject?

Considering the number of residents who have a Christmas tree in their home this time of year, it's a wonder that there aren't several lots in town. All of which points to the need to bring the Christmas tree lot back to Andover, the town that supposedly boasts the largest Christmas tree in the country, at Brickstone Square.

During the 1990s, the former Elks Lodge on South Main Street (where Andover School of Montessori is now) used to sell trees, with the money going to scholarships. Many families would buy trees there each year, because they knew the money was going to a "good cause."

With the economy the way it is now, there are many good causes in town that could use an infusion of cash – even if that cash is stained with tree sap. According to Randy Hanson, town clerk, all it takes is permission from someone to use their land, and a license from the state to hawk the pine-scented wares.

One idea: There's a lot of land in West Andover on which the Andover Youth Foundation plans to build a youth center. Why not set up a tree lot on this land, with the money going to programs for youth? In fact, Bill Fahey, youth services director, wants the youth to sell trees next year. The idea sounds like a winner for all involved.

Such a lot would turn the Christmas tree into a present itself. A present from the tree buyer to the youth of Andover – and to the taxpayers who might otherwise be asked to pay more for youth programs in a less voluntary way.

Neil Fater is editor of the Andover Townsman. He can be reached at <nfater@andovertownsman.com>.

2002 election

Defeated candidate decided to not seek donations in run for office

Editor, *Townsman:*

"Numbers don't lie" said the *Townsman* headline ("Numbers don't lie: Those with the biggest war chests win," Dec. 12, page 5), but they can be very misleading.

No, I did not meet the state threshold for electronic filing of my campaign finance report, but I, like all candidates, was required to and did timely file a report that is easily available to all who would review it. If the *Townsman* had reviewed that report it would have found that I did not seek to raise any money from other people and spent very little for my regrettably unsuccessful primary campaign.

I received one unsolicited $50 contribution and I spent just more than $450 of my own money for yard signs, a thank-you ad, bank fees and a few faxes. I chose to run as close to a cashless campaign as possible because I am:

1) a vigorous supporter of the Clean Elections effort;

2) active in the Free Air Time effort of the League of Women Voters and Common Cause; and

3) a strong believer that candidates are not commodities to be bought and sold by wealthy contributors.

One thousand votes is very respectable under those circumstances. If that little money did so well against so much money, next time I will spend less and work harder, especially to motivate the media to better do its job, in what will hopefully be an even more successful effort.

Michael Frishman
230 Andover St.

About "The Thursday File"

Steve MacDowall started the file two years and sent it to 10 people. Today it is sent to more than 10,000.

The Web site for his creation is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and it suggests books to read and offers quotations such as the ones at right.

THE THURSDAY FILE

I'll carry your books, I'll carry a tune, I'll carry on, carry over, carry forward, Cary Grant, cash and carry, Carry Me Back To Old Virginia, I'll even Hara Kari if you show me how, but I will *not* carry a gun.
'HAWKEYE,' TV'S *M*A*S*H*

Boredom is the feeling that everything is a waste of time; serenity, that nothing is.
THOMAS S. SZASZ

When you buy a piece of equipment, a percentage is set aside for maintenance. Shouldn't you do the same thing with people?
WILLIAM WIGGENHORN

Go and surprise the whole country by doing something right.
MARK TWAIN

Friendship is the only cement that will ever hold the world together.
WOODROW WILSON

Writing a book is an adventure; to begin with it is a toy and an amusement, then it becomes a master, and then it becomes a tyrant; and the last phase is just as you are about to be reconciled to your servitude – you kill the monster and fling it ... to the public.
SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL

Do not belittle what you did not cultivate.
UGANDAN PROVERB

Rule your mind or it will rule you.
HORACE

The Eleanor Roosevelt quotation:

A little simplification would be the first step toward rational living, I think.

Best Quotation sent:

Progress and change are not possible if you always do things the way you always did things.

Guest column: Christmas in 1930s Andover

Joy to the world, with a dozen handkerchiefs

Elinor Oberlin

In 1932, the Great Depression was in full swing. We lived in Andover. Working folks were suffering from job loss; it was not going to be a very bountiful Christmas for them. But for my sister and me, it held great promise. We had each received $10 from our dad, and we were to do our own Christmas shopping for the first time. With our snap purses clutched in our hands, we headed out the door.

Mother was to drive us to Lawrence, where our grandfather ran the Cross Dry Goods store, a small shop. on the main commercial street. The idea was to keep business in the family.

While we were on our way, I was wondering how much I could afford to spend for each person's gift. I calculated that I needed to purchase six gifts; one each for my mother and dad, one for Grandpa and Grandma; one for Aunt Florence, and one for my sister. Ten dollars was not going to go very far; I would need to choose carefully. This was my first lesson in economics.

We arrived at the store, to be greeted by Grandpa, Grandma and Aunt Florence; we knew our way around, because we often visited there for a few hours while Mother shopped or went to the bank. Grandma's special spot was up on a balcony at the rear of the store. She had her sewing machine there and she was an accomplished seamstress. We loved to go up those stairs where we could watch the customers come and go. After a transaction was completed, cash was deposited in a small brass container, and with a push of a button, it whizzed up to the balcony on overhead wires. We never tired of watching this marvel of technology.

Aunt Florence was the cashier. She removed the cash and sales slip from its container, spindled the slip and put the money in a small safe; then she sent the container down for another trip. At the end of the day, she took the proceeds to the bank, a few yards away. Her records always tallied to the penny. She had no chance for an education beyond high school. It was too bad; she was extremely bright. She could have benefited greatly from additional learning. In those days, it was not considered important for girls to go beyond high school.

Grandma's specialty was fitting corsets. Flappers could get away with garter belts to hold up their hose; but there were older women who did not feel quite comfortable unless their clothing was undergirded with a "foundation garment." She did a brisk business with the women of her generation, mostly recent immigrants from countries in northern Europe, Irish, English, Scots, but also Italians, who had found work in the mills.

After the greetings, my sister and I began to make our way down the aisles, looking at the merchandise. By comparison with contemporary shops, the Cross Dry Goods Company was small and ill-appointed. The floors were unvarnished wood; the showcases were unattractive. The stock consisted (besides corsets, girdles and garter belts) of silk stockings (there were no nylons yet) men's and ladies underpants and shirts, long underwear, kid gloves, scarves, a few blouses, men's collars and handkerchiefs. After whispered discussions with my sister, we decided that handkerchiefs were the way to go; they came with a flat box which could be wrapped with a bright Christmas paper and topped with a bow.

They would make a brave show under the tree, we concluded. We completed the sale: 12 handkerchiefs. The men's were linen with a hem-stitched edge; the ladies' each with delicate embroidery.

But could we afford them? Grandpa assured us that we would get a 33⅓ percent discount, and we were thrilled! Actually, he was probably charging us just what they had cost him wholesale, because we were "family." But we thought we were getting a terrific bargain ... and we were just able to afford our purchases and even had a few cents left over for a package of Necco Wafers.

* * *

The sequel to this story is that a few years later, the pressures of the Depression forced his tiny store into bankruptcy. It was a disgrace from which he never recovered. For immigrants of that generation to go into debt was unthinkable; in the old country it could have meant debtors' prison. Bankruptcy meant you could not pay your debts. Those people did not "charge"; if they couldn't pay cash, they did without. What would they think of our credit economy? They would shake their heads in dismay. Sometimes I do that myself.

Elinor Oberlin, a former Andover resident, writes from Palm Desert, California.

ANDOVER RECYCLING

Trimming Andover's holiday 'waste' lines

By the Andover Recycling Committee

US residents throw away an extra one million tons of waste each week between Thanksgiving and the New Year. Each year 38,000 miles of ribbon is thrown out – enough to tie a bow around the earth.

In this season of gift giving, many presents come in boxes that are shipped in other boxes. Mail-ordering gifts can save time and gas, but remember the last step – to recycle the corrugated cardboard and paperboard boxes.

In Andover, corrugated cardboard boxes and paperboard packing forms (surrounding toys, electronic or fragile items) can be recycled at the curbside. Residents should cut or fold the corrugated cardboard into pieces less than two-by-two feet, or no larger than a pizza box. They can then tie or tape them together and place next to the recycle bin.

Paperboard boxes (cereal, shoe, tissue boxes, etc.) are also recyclable and can be placed in paper bags along with newspapers, catalogs, junk mail, paper and envelopes with or without windows.

Plastics No. 1 to 7 are also curbside recyclable, including the styrofoam packing forms from around toys, electronic and fragile items. Styrofoam packaging peanuts and bubble wrap cannot be left at curbside, but are accepted by most Mail Boxes Etc. stores and by Optech, 19 Lupine Road, Andover; telephone: 978-475-4831.

Trimming tips to reduce, reuse, recycle

Other environmentally friendly advice for residents on:

Holiday home renovations

• Call Habitat for Humanity and offer to donate used appliances, cabinet parts, drywall, plumbing fixtures, doors, flooring and unused paint or wallpaper.

• Ronald McDonald House charities are always looking for gently worn furniture for the homes they make available to families of hospital-bound kids.

• Donate window treatments, linens, and similar items to a women's shelter, Lazarus House in Lawrence, or check with Habitat for Humanity.

Shopping for gifts

• Bring shopping bags from home and eliminate taking a plastic bag from every store, since plastic bags are not curbside recyclable.

• When buying shoes, leave the boxes at the store. The store will recycle them.

• Donate to a favorite charity in the name of a gift recipient "who has everything," and feel great in this season of giving.

• Buy gift certificates or tickets to a special event, or create coupons for special services like limo rides to the airport.

• Buy rechargeable batteries and a recharger for toys and electronics that need batteries. And when used, recycle the batteries at Radio Shack, Wal-Mart, Circuit City, Best Buy, Target or Home Depot.

• Buy sweaters and long underwear, and turn the thermostat down.

• Give the gift of time! Read more to children, hike, play, draw.

• Buy compact fluorescent bulbs and adapter lamp parts to encourage others to use them.

Wrapping gifts

• Buy gift wrap made from recycled paper.

• Cut wrapping paper to fit the gift, and use leftover paper on smaller items.

• Carefully unwrap gifts, to save and reuse as much paper as possible.

• Save and reuse gift tags whenever possible. This year's holiday cards can make great gift tags for next year's gifts.

• "Wrap" gifts in reusable containers (decorated boxes, tins, pencil holders, baskets) or cloth goods (place mats, napkins, scarves) and secure them with an unusual but reusable "ribbon" (hair scrunchies, clips, napkin holders, fancy paper clips, etc.).

End of the season

• Recycle holiday cards and send them to St Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City NV 89005. Call them at 800-492-3562 or contact them via www.stjudesranch.org.

• Use all of these seasonal recycling ideas all year long.

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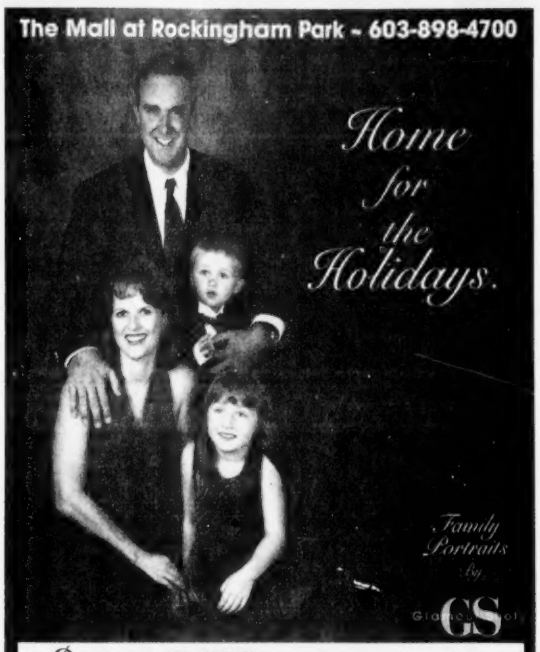

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OBITUARIES

Linda Z. Bryden

Was active in the community and schools

Linda Zeiser Bryden, 51, of Andover, died Monday, Dec. 16 after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Washington, D.C., she was raised in Short Hills, N.J., and Wellesley. She attended Dana Hall School, Wells College and graduated from Russell Sage College.

Linda Zeiser Bryden

After marrying John R. Bryden, she moved to Andover, where she was active in community and school affairs.

She was an avid tennis player.

Her family said "Linda was a loving and caring spouse and mother to her husband and three children."

She was the daughter of the late Bruce Hunter Zeiser.

In addition to her husband, members of her family include her children, Susan, 18, Luke, 15, and Eric Bryden, 11, all of Andover; mother, Judith Wade Zeiser of Lakewood, Ohio; brothers, Bruce R. Zeiser of Menlo Park, Calif., and Walker R. Zeiser of Millbrook, N.Y.; sisters, Laurie C. Zeiser of Franconia, N.H., Anne Zeiser Petralia of Lynnfield and Bambie Howe Chard of Lakewood; and 10 nieces and nephews.

Calling hours are today, Thursday, Dec. 19 from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at Burke Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

A funeral service will be held tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 20 at 1 p.m. at Christ Church, 25 Central St., Andover.

A reception will follow in the church hall.

Virginia A. Callahan

Worked for 30 years for telephone company

Virginia A. (Pageau) Callahan, 69, of Salem, N.H., died Saturday, Dec. 14 at home.

Born in Andover, she was educated at Sacred Heart Grammar School and graduated from Lawrence High School.

Mrs. Callahan worked for several years at the IRS in Andover and for 30 years for New England Telephone/Bell Atlantic/Nynex.

She was the widow of William J. Callahan.

Members of her family include her daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly M. and Jeffrey Hatch, and Kimberly A. and Antonio DiFruscia, all of Salem; sons and daughter-in-law, William J. and Theresa Callahan of Derry, and David M. Callahan of Falmouth; a sister, Ramona Scionti of Methuen; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. She was also the mother of the late Michael Callahan.

Arrangements were by Cataudella Funeral Home, 126 Pleasant Valley St., Methuen. Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Methuen.

Emma T. Carney

Died at age 105

Emma Theresa Carney, 105, died Saturday, Dec. 14 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Lawrence, she worked in a local mill as a spinner, and later worked for Governor Dummer Academy in Byfield in the kitchen.

She was a parishioner of St. Augustine Church in Andover, and was a member of the Andover Socialites.

She was the widow of Leo L. Carney.

Members of her family include her sons, James W. Carney and his wife, Lenore, of Florida, and J. Leo Carney of San Jose, Calif.; a daughter, Helen Carney of Andover; several grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by John Breen Memorial Funeral Home Inc., 122 Amesbury St., Lawrence.

Christine M. Jones

Punchard grad owned several bowling alleys

Christine M. (Ross) Jones, 83, died Wednesday, Dec. 11 at Academy Manor Nursing Home.

Mrs. Jones owned and operated the Lawrence, Andover and Broadway Recreation Bowling Centers until their closing in 1981.

Born in Boston and educated in Andover, she graduated from Punchard High School in Andover and Macintosh Business School in Boston.

She was the widow of Edward F. Jones.

Members of her family include her daughter and son-in-law, Christine and Lee Munger of Andover; a son, James E. Jones of Lawrence; and four grandchildren.

Calling hours are tomorrow from 5 to 7 p.m. at Hart-Wallace Funeral Home, 107 S. Broadway, Lawrence.

Burial was in Spring Grove Cemetery, Andover.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

DEATHS

Linda Z. Bryden, 51
Virginia A. Callahan, 69
Emma T. Carney, 105
Juliette A. Condee, 83
Christine M. Jones, 83
Eileen P. Nolan, 84

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

CONDEE – Juliette A. (Dion) Condee, 83, of Methuen, died Tuesday, Dec. 10 of injuries suffered in an accident in North Andover. Members of her family include her sister, Jeannette Guerrera of Andover.

NOLAN – Eileen P. (Fearon) Nolan, 84, formerly of Amesbury, South Yarmouth, and Punta Gorda, Fla., died Friday, Dec. 13 at Meadows Nursing Home in North Andover. Members of her family include her son and daughter-in-law, Thomas H. Nolan Jr. and Sarah Nolan, of Andover.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago – 1902

A telephone for the Haverhill & Andover line has been put in at Andover Square.

The tennis courts on the upper campus are to be flooded as a rink for the hockey team at Phillips Academy.

Sleighing has been very good this week.

This afternoon and evening the Ladies' Benevolent society of the Free Church is conducting a fair in a good cause, namely: to raise more money towards the building of a church uptown.

Another epidemic of smallpox is feared in Lawrence. Two more cases have just been discovered in the Syrian colony.

The question of heating the Commons and smaller cottages at Phillips Academy is a rather vital one just at present. Neither coal nor wood can be purchased and had not Mr. Sawyer sent down two cords a day or so ago a fuel riot on a small scale among the boys might have ensued.

In an advertisement: This is the season of the year when the prudent and careful housewife replenishes her supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

75 Years Ago – 1927

The fire department was called out Sunday morning to extinguish a chimney fire at the corner of Dascomb and Lovejoy roads. The alarm came in at about 9:40 o'clock. No damage resulted.

A series of robberies in private residences, camps, and public buildings during the past two weeks has given Andover citizens much concern.

One of the prettiest and most successful fairs ever held at the Free Church is that which is taking place on Thursday and Friday of this week in the Parish house.

The dockets of municipal district courts of New England cities and towns have been crowded for the last few months with cases that show a clear and immediate need of the clearing of the foggy atmosphere surrounding the city traffic and parking laws.

The State Department of Public Health is continuing its fight against cancer. Dr. Herbert L. Lombard and Dr. Carl R. Doering are making a series of studies to investigate every possible cause of this dread disease.

Members of the Punchard football team were guests of the girls of the senior domestic science class at a turkey dinner given Thursday evening in the Punchard building.

The Eleventh Red Cross Roll Call has closed with the total collection of $3,800.31 – this being $704 over last year's amount.

50 Years Ago – 1952

The Andover school department will be well represented at a conference sponsored by the New England School Development council in Quincy on Friday, which will emphasize the need for school libraries in the total education picture.

The annual display of Christmas lights that yearly draws thousands to St. Francis Seraphic Seminary in West Andover will start Dec. 17 and continue through Jan. 6.

With the annual Christmas business already making itself felt in the post office, Postmaster Stephen A. Boland announces that the stamp and parcel windows will be open extra hours for Christmas mailings.

A budget of $502,911 for 1953, an increase of $75,000 over this year's appropriation of $425,000, was considered Monday night at a special meeting of the school committee in order to meet the needs of the school's rapidly growing population.

A 16-year-old Lawrence girl was fatally injured last Saturday night when she fell from a moving automobile on North Maine street, between Poor Street and the Lawrence line.

The flag on the town house will be at half staff for 30 days out of respect for the memory of the late police chief George A. Dane who died unexpectedly Nov. 29 at his home in Ballardvale .

25 Years Ago – 1977

Local bus service could be terminated next Wednesday, by Trombly Motor Coach service, unless some action is forthcoming at the local level to extend it.

The board of directors at the Andover Little League are considering the possibility of instituting a girls softball program under the direction of the national organization.

A special committee has been appointed by Acting Town Manager Sheldon S. Cohen to examine the various trust funds held by the town.

The all-night parking ban went into effect Dec. 1. From that date through April 1, cars must not be parked on the traveled way between the hours of 1 a.m. and 6 a. m.

A bill which could save Andover money on state and national elections was signed into law by Gov. Dukkakis. Rep. Timothy A. Bassett, vice chairman of the committee on election laws, reports that the bill signed by the governor would provide for the printing of ballots for punch card voting by the state rather than by the individual communities.

Andover FISH, a group of anonymous volunteers who try to be "neighbors" when no neighbors are there, quietly went about the tasks of helping a couple with child care, an old woman home from the hospital, a runaway teenager and cancer outpatients.

Groundwork for a building committee that would see the town through renovation of East Jr. High or new construction elsewhere was laid by the school committee Tuesday night.

Massachusetts' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained stable at 5.8 percent during October 1977.

Rev. Father James F. Hawker, the director of religious education for Catholic Schools in the Archdiocese of Boston, has been invited to speak on "The Influence of Television on the Moral Values of Children" at St. Augustine's School Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Andover Recycling Committee, in preparation for "Andover Recycles Month" in January, will be distributing information through the local schools.

Supt. Kenneth R. Seifert told the school committee Tuesday night he would be coming back at another meeting with a job description of a "parking lot monitor" to help curb vandalism to teachers' cars.

10 Years Ago – 1992

Two women allegedly stole items from at least four downtown Andover stores on Tuesday, Nov. 24, before they were nabbed by police.

The School Committee is moving ahead with the second phase of enlarging the town's school buildings to accommodate more students.

Starting Friday, teachers will stop picketing and they will resume volunteering for after-school activities, union officials announced yesterday.

A longtime Phillips Academy math teacher and his wife have filed suit against the prep school, claiming unlawful discriminatory practices after he was fired for what the suit claims was his not bowing to grade inflation.

Kaps men's clothing store finalized arrangements last week to move from Lawrence into the Macartney's men's clothing building on Main Street.

A 13-year-old School Street boy remained in stable condition Wednesday morning at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston one week after he was struck by a car while riding his bicycle near his home.

Work on the Central Street bridge to prepare it for repairs to be done in the spring have been ongoing since the bridge was closed to traffic last month.

The real estate market seems to have bottomed out, but a person still can't get a whole lot of house for less than $100,000 in Andover.

Selectmen voted unanimously to maintain the 120 percent tax classification shift, which effectively sets Andover's tax rate at about $14.10 per $1,000 for residential property, and $18.36 for commercial and industrial property.

A proposal to add third-grade classes to the Shawsheen School didn't get past the discussion phase at last week's School Committee meeting.

The incest trial of former Andover Police Lt. Donald Moores Jr. was delayed again for at least another month, probably two months or more.

– Compiled by Townsman intern Kyra Auffermann

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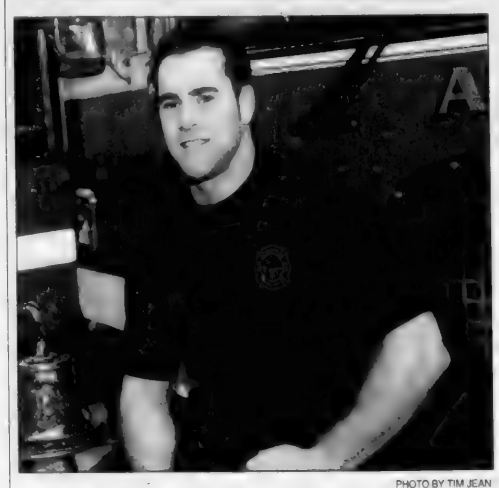

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Matthew Trede, Andover's newest firefighter.

Newest firefighter brings Coast Guard search, rescue experience

The newest Andover firefighter to join regular duty brings four years of search-and-rescue experience with the Coast Guard to his new job.

Matthew Trede, 25, is a 1997 graduate of Andover High School who was among 42 graduates of the Massachusetts Firefighting Academy this fall.

His class successfully finished a 55-day recruitment program and graduated Oct. 25. The program included classes on firefighting, live firefighting practice and physical fitness training.

Trede was hired by Andover on Aug. 12. After attending the fire academy and working a required month of Mondays through Fridays at the Andover fire station, he has been assigned to Unit 4 in Andover. He is currently working a regular firefighter's shift – two, 24-hour shifts every eight days. He is also taking courses to be an emergency medical technician (EMT).

"It's a good feeling you get out of firefighting," Trede said when asked about his new job. "I really enjoy it."

While in the Coast Guard, Trede was stationed in the Jones Beach area of New York, where he assisted with small-boat rescues for two years. Prior to that, he was stationed on a cutter in New Bedford and the crew was often sent to the Caribbean to work with law-enforcement officials on immigration situations.

– Judy Wakefield

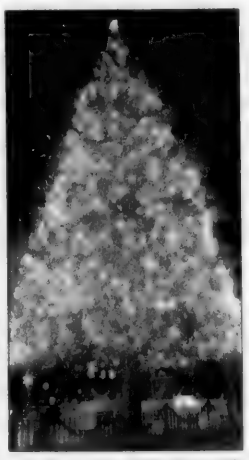

PHOTO BY OLIVIA GATTI

The 2002 edition of the Brickstone Tree, reportedly the nation's tallest.

Square tree

There may not be many trees in America that compare to the Brickstone Tree in Andover, which typically advertises itself as the largest tree in the country. One visitor to Brickstone Square this Sunday believes she has a tree to compare – but to see it one would need to fly across the Atlantic.

Wendy Gotobed from Yorkshire, England, who is visiting her son and his family in North Andover for the holidays, says the Brickstone Tree reminds her of the Christmas tree in London's Trafalger Square.

– Dinah Kay Cardin

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Racers remember Robinson

$20K raised in road race honoring late AHS principal

By Judy Wakefield

THE MEMORY OF FORMER Andover High principal Larry Robinson lives on as last Sunday's road race in his honor attracted hundreds of runners and walkers.

The 10-mile course through the streets of Andover attracted 900 people and big contributions from two local businesses. That support prompted the race director to say he is proud of Andover's commitment to fighting cancer.

Robinson died of cancer four years ago while serving as principal at Andover High. The road race was started last year in his memory and money raised goes to Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston.

Race director Roy Dennehy, formerly of Andover and now of Windham, N.H., said about $20,000 was raised at this year's race. Plus, Robinson's brother, Mark Robinson of Wayland, donated $5,000.

Dennehy said the Robinson family was touched by the outpouring of support in Andover. In addition to the hundreds of runners and walkers, volunteers helped out along the race route.

"It was just a great outpouring of support for this race and it is so very much appreciated," Dennehy said. "Larry was so courageous, working at Andover High right up until the end. This race is all about finding a cure for cancer. And, we can make a difference."

PHOTO BY BENNETT RUDOMEN

About $20,000 was raised at this year's Larry Robinson Road Race, with 900 runners tackling the 10-mile course.

Dennehy singled out two local businesses for their help. Wyeth Pharmaceuticals of Andover and The Savings Bank, located at 84 Main St., each donated $5,000 to cover race expenses.

"I wanted corporate sponsors so that all registration money could go directly to Dana Farber," Dennehy said. "Thanks to Wyeth and The Savings Bank, it worked."

Robinson's widow, Vicki Simms, who lives in Andover, attended the race.

So did Patti Miliotis of Andover, who lost a daughter to cancer earlier this year. Miliotis walked the race along with several members of "Alex's Team," a group dedicated to remembering her daughter. Alex Miliotis was just 16 and an Andover High sophomore when she died last March.

Andover High's participation in the race was clearly evident as many students took part or helped with volunteering. AHS health teacher Betsey Desfosse

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GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Forty Andover youngsters turned out for two gingerbread house-making classes sponsored by the Department of Community Services last week. The classes are always a holiday hit and tradionally fill up weeks before the holidays. Last week was no different. In fact, demand increased the class sizes from 15 to 20, according to DCS. Classes were held in the cafeteria at Shawsheen School.

Once again, Susan Richardson served as teacher-decorator and encouraged kids to come up with unique houses covered in colorful gumdrops and candy canes. Most houses had pretzel fences and decorated, upside-down ice cream cones serving as Christmas trees. At left, John Pisacreta of Andover puts the finishing touches on his pretzel fence. Julia Gordon of Andover is very pleased with her creation (above), which included marshmallow stars on top of the roof.

PERSON ON THE STREET

Colleen Kiezulas

Earl Efinger

Kate O'Hara

Katja Grober and Michelle Gordon

Natalie Benson

Susan Bourland and Roger Bourland

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

Townspeople describe what they like about Christmas

By Thea Shapiro

SHOPPERS WERE OUT IN FORCE on Andover's Main Street last Saturday. With grocery shopping due, time running out on parking meters, or cranky babies late for nap or lunch, some folks couldn't spare the time to stop and talk about the holidays.

But many were happy to take a break from shopping and share their feelings about the holiday season.

Eight-year-old Michelle Gordon captured the sentiment of many residents. Taking a break from rehearsals for the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's Christmas pageant, she talked happily about her favorite Christmas things: "You get to be with your family, the Christmas decorations are beautiful and everyone is happy. It's the spirit of it."

Earl Efinger, who has lived in Andover for more than 50 years, said that the Christmas season is an opportunity to refresh one's Christian upbringing and spend time with family.

Susan Bourland said she enjoys Advent, a season of waiting, tries not to get too tied up in all the rush, and enjoys some peace and quiet. For her, that means going to Christmas Eve services at Christ Church on Central Street.

Photos by Thea Shapiro

For others, the holiday season brings the excitement of Santa Claus, music, food, delicious smells and colorful ornaments.

Eight-year-old Katja Grober loves the decorations, the spirit, the cookies, Santa and all the fun. Six-year-old Natalie Benson also loves St. Nick, and says she can't even remember what she asked him for.

But spending time with family seems to be the common thread in everyone's description about what they like best about Christmas.

Mary Furnari and granddaughter, Katherine Mary Wolfendale, who both live on Furnari Farm Lane along with other family members, love the extra time that the holiday makes for family.

Colleen Kiezulas said she enjoys looking at Christmas through the eyes of her 3-year-old son and 7-year-old daughter.

Children agree that being with family is the main event. Kate O'Hara, 11, said she loves being with her family at Christmas, and 9-year-old Alex Lundquist loves being with relatives – such as his cousins – whom he sees only at Christmas.

FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker
Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Christmas Eve Brunch: The center invites everyone to join us for a Christmas Eve brunch Tuesday, Dec. 24 from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Lots of food and good cheer. Tickets may be picked up at the center for $2.50 each (advance purchase only).

New Year's Eve Celebration: On Tuesday, Dec. 31 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. we will host an after-lunch talent showcase. There'll be merriment galore as we ring in the new year with entertainment, fun, food and a new year's toast. Tickets are available at the center at $2.50 each.

National Heritage Museum Trip: We are currently accepting reservations for our Jan. 15 trip to view the special exhibit, Enterprising Women at the National Heritage Museum in Lexington. Put together by the Schlesinger Library at Harvard University, this exhibit can be enjoyed only at the Heritage Museum before it goes on national tour. Following the museum visit, we will enjoy lunch at Vinny Testa's restaurant, along with time to browse the shops in downtown Lexington. Cost is $30. Reservations may be made by dropping into the center.

Winter Exercise Classes: There are openings available in most wellness classes for the winter semester. Call the center for further information if you are interested in men's exercise, water workout, tai chi, line dance, low-impact aerobics, women's strength training, or senior modified yoga.

Massage Therapy Appointments: The senior center has a licensed massage therapist on site every Monday morning for seated upper body massage including neck, shoulder, and back work. If the winter weather is getting to your joints, be sure to give us a call and make an appointment. Reduced rate of $12 for a 20-minute session.

Cardio Conditioning Class: A new eight-week session of cardio conditioning will be starting Thursday, Jan. 9. This class meets at the Andover Training Station under the direction of a certified personal trainer. Individual attention on treadmills, exercise bikes, and other fitness machines. Cost of the class is $50, and registration is held only through the senior center. Class size is limited.

Cards and Dessert Day: The senior center will sponsor a card and dessert party on Sunday, Jan. 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. Ask a friend, grab that deck of cards, Scrabble or Monopoly game, chess or cribbage board and sign up to join us. Advance reservations necessary; cost is just $2. Call Bernadette for further information.

Parkinson's Support Group: The Parkinson's support group will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. This group is open to caregivers and family members, as well as those living with the daily challenges of Parkinson's disease. For further information, call Kristine at the senior center.

Quilting, Choral Group, and Needle Art: Our quilting, needle art and choral groups will all resume Monday, Jan. 6. If you would like further information on any of these three opportunities, call the senior center.

Merrimack College's Sociology of Aging Class: We will team up with Professor Ray Dorney and his Sociology of Aging class at Merrimack College this semester for an intergenerational collaboration. We will be looking for approximately 20 seniors who would like to participate in several discussions around issues of aging. Call Pat Becker at the senior center if you would be interested in learning more about this venture.

Fix-it Shop: Our fix-it shop volunteers will be on hand from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7 if you have an item that you would like them to examine.

Computer Interest Group: The computer interest group will meet again on Monday, Jan. 13 in the lower level activity room at Memorial Hall Library. Our laptop will be available for helping to demonstrate any problems, questions, solutions that you might like to discuss. All computer users are welcome.

Now hear this: Talk on hearing health at AARP

Holy Family Hospital audiologist Deirdre Anderson will give a presentation on hearing problems and what can be done about them at AARP's 1:30 p.m. meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 14.

All chapter meetings of the Andover-North Andover AARP are at the Senior Center, Whittier Court. All members of the chapter are members of national AARP. The chapter works to help people over age 50 improve their lives. Guests are welcome; the meeting is free. There will be an opportunity to meet new and old friends over refreshments.

As part of the business meeting, a representative from Lazarus House will tell the chapter about how AARP's monthly collections help Lazarus House clients. Each month the chapter collects non-perishable foods and paper goods. In December, for one time only, clothing was also collected.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

Baptist
Andover Baptist Church
7 Central St., Andover
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Catholic
St. Augustine Church
43 Essex St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10:30 p.m.
Mass in lower church, 4:05 p.m.
Mass at Merrimack College (pageant Mass), 4 p.m., 6 p.m.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m.
Mass at Merrimack College, 11 a.m.

St. Joseph's Church
22 High Vale Lane
Ballardvale
CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., 6 p.m., children's pageant.
CHRISTMAS DAY: Mass, 10 a.m.

St. Robert Bellarmine Church
198 Haggetts Pond Road,
Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: Mass, 4 p.m., Main church and church hall; 7:30 p.m., Main church; midnight, Main church.
CHRISTMAS DAY: 10 a.m. Mass.

Congregational
Free Christian Church
31 Elm St., Andover
SATURDAY, DEC. 21: 7 p.m. New England Brass Concert and Carol-Sing, public invited.
SUNDAY, DEC. 22: 9 and 10:45 a.m. Christmas Sunday worship services, Sunday School for all ages; 3 p.m. Holiday Storytelling with Steve Burk
CHRISTMAS EVE: Services, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Celebration; 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Family Celebration; 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Reflection service with Communion.

Episcopal
Christ Church
25 Central St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: 4:30 p.m. (children's pageant), Holy Eucharist; 7:30 p.m., Candlelight Festival Eucharist; 10 p.m., Contemplative Eucharist.

ILLUSTRATION BY ED PARKER

SouthWinds, a contemporary worship service at South Church, Central Street, will hold a Christmas Eve service at 7 led by Mike Ebner, Protestant chaplain at Phillips Academy, with music featuring a blend of traditional and new with singer/songwriter Noel Smith and folksinger Ed Parker. According to organizers, "The service celebrates the birth of Jesus and the enduring message of hope, joy and peace we experience during the Christmas season."

Interdenominational
BrookRidge Community Church
16 Haverhill St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: Family Service, 6 p.m.

New England Bible Church
60 Chandler Road, Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: Service, 7 p.m.: Special music, Christmas readings, and prayer.

Lutheran
Faith Lutheran Church
360 S. Main St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m. Holy Communion services; 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., Message for the Children.

Unitarian
Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover
6 Locke St., Andover
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m. Intergenerational service.

United Church of Christ
South Church
41 Central St., Andover
SUNDAY, DEC. 22: Brass Prelude, 10:15 a.m. followed by worship at 10:30 a.m. with music of Gabrieli & Handel's *Hallelujah Chorus*.
CHRISTMAS EVE: 3 p.m., Lessons and Carols, Candlelight; 5 p.m., Lessons & Carols, Youth Choirs, family service and pageant; 7 p.m., SouthWinds service led by Mike Ebner, Protestant chaplain at Phillips Academy, music features a blend of traditional and new with singer/songwriter Noel Smith and folksinger Ed Parker; 11 p.m., Candlelight service, Lessons & Carols, Sanctuary Choir with organ prelude at 10:40 p.m.

West Parish Church
129 Reservation Road
Andover
SUNDAY, DEC. 22: 10 a.m
CHRISTMAS EVE: 7 p.m., family service will celebrate the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas as the Holy Family travels through Bethlehem in search of shelter; 11 p.m., Candlelight service with carols and readings.

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26th ANNUAL OUTDOOR PAGEANT

Entrance to Bethlehem is at West Parish this Sunday

The historic West Parish Garden Cemetery Arch will once again become the entrance to Bethlehem as West Parish Church of Andover presents its Outdoor Christmas Pageant on Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m.

This annual re-enactment of the Christmas story will include a cast of children, youth and adults and a stable of live animals. Through drama, narration, and carols the audience shares in the miracle of Christmas as Mary and Joseph arrive in Bethlehem, the shepherds seek out the manger, and the wise men bring their gifts.

This reenactment includes the biblical account of Jesus, birth and incorporates some modern-day stories such as the "Littlest Angel" and the "Little Drummer Boy."

During its 26-year run, many past and present Andover families have been involved with the pageant. This year the Wivell and Olson families of Andover have both parents and children as members of the cast. Dad Wayne Wivell will be portraying the Innkeeper, while son Brian will be among the shepherds watching their flocks. Daughter Emily will play the Littlest Angel, who brings her treasurers to the manger. Father Jim Olson will provide the narration and daughters Joanna and Michaela will be an angel and shepherd, respectively.

The LaBrecque family of Methuen – Robert, Christine and their daughter Alyson – will be acting the parts of Mary, Joseph and Baby Jesus. As a child, Christine attended West Parish Church with her family.

The public is invited to attend the free half-hour performance of gospel narration and choral accompaniment. After the performance, members of the public are welcome to photograph the living nativity scene and to enjoy refreshments in Fellowship Hall. The church's Ministry of Outreach group will be accepting non-perishable food items or cash and check donations at the archway prior to the pageant. These will be donated to local food pantries.

The church will also hold its Christmas Sunday Service at 10 a.m. on the 22nd.

There will also be two Christmas Eve services open to all. The family service at 7 will celebrate the Mexican tradition of Las Posadas as the Holy Family travels through Bethlehem in search of shelter. The candlelight service at 11 p.m. is a service of carols and readings. The public is invited to join one of these special services at the church.

West Parish Church, United Church of Christ, is located at 129 Reservation Road, at the intersection of Route 133 (Lowell Street) and Shawsheen Road, approximately two miles east of Route I-93. For more information, call the church between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 978-475-3528; or visit the Web site at westparishchurch.org.

Mary, Joseph, and the baby Jesus in the manger surrounded by a host of heavenly angels at the conclusion of last year's Outdoor Christmas Pageant at West Parish Church. This year's production will be held this Sunday, Dec. 22 at 5 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

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WHAT'S UP

Winter adventures await

By Glenn Wilson
Andover Youth Services

Put on your new holiday corduroys, finish up the leftovers, and come with the Andover Youth Services on some incredible winter adventures. Check out our line-up of day trips and programs for sixth- to eighth-grade students in the upcoming months and wish for snow.

Winter trips

A few AYS day trips will allow you to utilize all those holiday goods you scored over the break. A trip to Providence, R.I. for a day of ice skating, shopping and an IMAX presentation of *Star Wars II* on Dec. 27, a ski and snowboard trip to Waterville Valley on Dec. 30, a trip to Goodtimes and the movies to see the *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* on Dec. 31, another dance open to all eighth-graders from all Andover schools on Friday, Jan. 10 at Old Town Hall. A trip to Skaters Paradise in Shrewbury, the indoor skatepark, and a combo bowling and Lock Monsters hockey game trip will make the best of what winter has to offer.

Winter programs

Learn to Ride – This program was started for all those middle-school kids who have not yet entered the fantastic world of snowboarding and want to learn what it takes to shred and carve a mountain.

Night riders

Calling all skiers and riders who could think of nothing better for a Friday night than shredding and carving the mountain. We will take several trips on Friday nights to local mountains. The groups will be small but the riding will be huge!

Ultimate Frisbee

If you are interested in learning the fastest sport on two feet, AYS is running a developmental Ultimate Frisbee program with the high school team at the Field House in the winter. In the spring, we hope to field a middle-school team into statewide competition. If you want to be a part of the action, send us an e-mail at ays@town.andover.ma.us and we will send you the information about the program.

AYS volleyball season

The AYS middle school volleyball season is eight weeks of fast-paced volleyball action. We will have weekly scrimmages and cover basic skills of passing, serving, setting and spiking. Each week will have separate boys and girls practice sessions, as well as coed scrimmages and drills.

AHS JV coach Dennis Aikman, former Penn State and UMass club player Glenn Wilson, and current AHS volleyball stars will be on hand to help fine tune your skills and coach along the way. Our 8-week season – Jan. 6 to March 6 – will lead up to the second annual Volleyball Championship Game, with Doherty vs. West vs. Wood Hill. Get your friends together and sign up for this wicked awesome season. Open to boys and girls in grades 6 to 8.

***word:* a youth services publication**

Do you have something to say? We would like boys and girls to take their ideas and help us produce the new Andover Youth Services 'zine. If you enjoy writing poetry or short stories, drawing, painting, or just have an interest in expressing your thoughts... then this is the thing for you. In this group you will have the opportunity to publish your work and get the chance to let people know what you think. If this sounds like something that interests you, please let us know. E-mail us at: AYS@town.andover.ma.us.

Rock climbing

Have you felt the rush of hanging 25 feet off the ground? Head to the Mill City Rock Gym for instruction on climbing and belay techniques. Equipment (including rock shoes), transportation, and instruction are all included. Look for the black AYS van to pick you up out front of your school and we will leave right after school. You will get dropped off at side parking lot at Doherty Middle at 5:30 p.m. Both sessions are open to boys and girls.

ANDOVER YOUTH SERVICES UPDATES

Youth Center – It's moving along rapidly... staff and kids are always meeting with the architects and new plans are always on the walls in the office... if you have any suggestions or want to contribute in any way, let us know... you can e-mail us at: AYS@town.andover.ma.us

Ramble On movie – Be on the lookout for the full-length feature presentation of the AYS summer experience. If you thought it was awesome during the summer, just wait until you see it on the big screen. We'll have a public viewing for interested youth, parents and Andover residents. Also keep an eye open for some special guest appearances from your favorite summer staff!

Piebald concert – Local heroes Piebald roll into town this Saturday, Dec. 21 for an all-ages show at their training grounds, the Old Town Hall, 20 Main St. Doors open at 8 p.m. and the show starts at 9 with opening band Apollo Sunshine. Tickets are only $8 and they're going fast, so get yours now.

February vacation programs – Be on the lookout for upcoming February vacation programs on bulletin boards in the middle-school cafeterias and online at andoveryouthservices.com.

Detailed booklets with times, dates, and prices are available on the middle school cafeteria bulletin boards, at the DCS office, and online at www.andoveryouthservices.com. Register for all Youth Services programs at the DCS office on the second floor of Town Offices, 36 Bartlet St.

The winter break is going to be packed with a huge variety of activities and trips. Don't miss out.

▶ *WHAT'S UP is written by kids for kids. For more information about WHAT'S UP, call Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, or Glenn Wilson, assistant director, at 978-623-8241; or Jack Grady, Townsman assistant editor, at 978-475-7000. E-mail submissions to: jack@andovertownsman.com.*

Lending strength to those in need

By Samantha Berger, John Formichella, and David Tanklefsky
Andover Youth Council

In light of last weekend's loss of four young boys on the Merrimack River in Lawrence, the Andover Youth Council is collecting money for "The Strength for the Families Fund," set up to help the families of the victims.

In this season of help and giving, the AYC would like to contribute on behalf of the citizens of Andover. On Jan. 11, the Youth Council will present all of the funds that we have raised to The Strength for the Families Fund. This holiday season will be especially hard for the families of the victims; please find it in your hearts to help in this time of need.

Donations can be sent to: The Andover Youth Council, 36 Bartlet St., Andover 01810. Make checks out to Andover Youth Council. Every penny collected will go directly to The Strength for the Families Fund. Questions can be directed to 978-623-8241.

TOWN TALK

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Top baby doc tapes *Today* show appearance locally

Dr. T. Berry Brazelton is the king of solving baby woes when it comes to crying, sleeplessness and temper tantrums.

The famed pediatrician-psychiatrist, who specializes in the emotional and behavioral aspects of child-rearing, was in Lawrence last week to tape a segment on parenting for an upcoming *Today* piece.

Three dozen families, including five from Andover, were gathered for the shoot.

The woman behind the scenes also was from Andover. Marlies Zammuto, the deputy executive director of education and program development at the Child Care Circuit in Lawrence, has been working with and trained with Brazelton. He called her looking for some families to take part in the *Today* show segment.

She has been working with parents from across Greater Lawrence for the past 18 years, and called 36 families for the taping. They broke into three groups to talk about various parenting issues. One group focused on the crying stage of newborns, while another group talked about sleep issues, such as night waking. The third group focused on discipline for children up to the age of 6. All the while, the cameras rolled.

"Everyone was just terrific," Zammuto said, adding "the plan is for (Today co-hosts) Katie and Matt to interview Berry live while our interviews are shown during the discussion."

The three-part segment is scheduled to air on Jan. 20, 21 and 22. Those dates coincide with the release of Brazelton's newest series of parenting books being published by Perseus Books.

Zammuto is also a project coordinator for Family Network, an outreach of the Child Care Circuit. The two agencies offer many support groups for parents and are a great resource for child-related issues.

"It's all about sharing and caring for parents and getting them support for whatever issues they have. We are very open, diverse and cross-cultural. It's a wonderful environment here," Zammuto said.

Celebrity is nothing new for the agencies, as the January segment will mark their second appearance on *Today*. They have also been featured on Peter Jennings's newscast and in parenting videos produced by the Rob Reiner Foundation.

– Judy Wakefield

Local player wins bridge tournament

Tom Belle of Andover recently finished first at the Eastern Mass. Bridge Association (EMBA) Sectional tournament. He won the Flight A event at the Fall Sectional held in Hyannis.

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Business

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Elaine Batcheller, a resident of Marland Place, tells Santa she's been good all year.

The Marland Place Mitten Tree

Marland Place toasts the holiday season

Marland Place an independent and assisted living facility located at 15 Stevens St., celebrated its annual holiday social Wednesday, Dec. 11.

Residents, families and employees enjoyed an evening of ringing and jingling with holiday cheer. The St. Augustine Hand Bell Choir from St. Augustine Church on Essex Street and the Johnny Diaz Jaz Trio entertained guests while Santa visited young and old, making his list and checking it twice.

The Marland Place community also participated in creating a Mitten Tree decorated with mittens and warm hats. A total of 200 mittens and hats were received, to be donated to Lazarus House in Lawrence.

IN BRIEF

Cyrier is tops at Prudential for Q3

Kathy Cyrier

Prudential Howe & Doherty Realtors announced that Kathy Cyrier, a Chairman's Circle recipient, placed first in Massachusetts for exceptional accomplishment in residential sales achievement in the third quarter of 2002.

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Day of beauty – Andover beauty experts perform makeovers

Marissa Michaels, Esthetiques Par Kiki and At Your Fingertips provided complete makeovers on Sunday, Dec. 8 for 14 of

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PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

The inviting glow of Irresistibles' store windows beckons to drivers stopped at the traffic light at Elm and Main streets.

Window dressing

Downtown merchants talk about importance of holiday window decorating

By Judy Wakefield

FROM THE SIMPLICITY OF THE WREATHS on the windows in the Olde Andover Village business area, to the slick and silver holiday theme in the Kaps window on Main Street, to the red velvet and white lights at Helen Thomas Simply Smashing on Post Office Avenue, Andover's downtown is dressed in its holiday finest.

Shoppers won't forget that it's Christmas week as they walk or drive by downtown merchants' window displays. Andover retailers say a great holiday window attracts window shoppers and can turn those lookers into the customers needed for a merry sales season.

"Window dressing, it's kind of a no-brainer. We all know it's about quality, not quantity," said Maryse Lelievre, a floral designer at KaBloom's on Main Street. "You want to entice them with your windows and get them to take a peek inside."

Andover's downtown is known for its walking traffic as well as the drive-by traffic, and there is no doubt that window merchandise gets noticed.

"We will have people at the (traffic) light (at Elm and Main streets) who can see our window and will call to ask about a sweater," said Michelle Santell, manager at Irresistibles on Main Street. "Windows tell the story of your store and present an image of the store. They are important."

Nearby, at Enzo's of Andover at the corner of Post Office Avenue and Main Street, owner Enzo Fossella said his holiday window is "a stopper" for those downtown strollers. It features an antique car and truck collection loaned by local businessman Gary Gilbert of Andover who owns Aertec, a business also located in Andover. Gilbert is a friend and customer.

The holiday windows at Kaps on Main Street have a wrapped-package motif.

"People are looking down (at the collection) so I am telling them to look up, look up at the merchandise but they don't look up," Fossella laughed.

He agreed a holiday window is important as it brings customers through the door. In fact, after the recent Santa parade he let a handful of customers bring grandchildren to see the collection.

"We always have a Christmas window with beautiful stuff because it is interesting to so many people," he said.

A nearby side street address takes holiday decorating just as serious. Helen Thomas Simply Smashing's front window on Post Office Avenue relies heavily on the walking traffic as parking is nearly impossible. Workers there said the window must be attention-getting.

"A fancy window brings everyone in. It's like a package. Everyone wants to see what's inside when they see a fancy window," said Cookie Gollan, who runs the shop with her daughter, Lisa Schiavone.

Their red velvet and blown glass holiday window display also has small white lights that are timed to stay on until 10 p.m. every night.

"People walk downtown at night, see our lights from the corner and want to turn and see what it is," Gollan said. "Windows really are important."

They can also take time to prepare. The Kaps holiday window, located at the corner of Main and Elm streets, starts taking shape in late summer. It was August or September when Jeff Patterson started thinking about windows, he said.

Patterson, who handles all the visual displays for the five Kaps stores including Andover, said the idea of "big wrapped boxes just popped into my head."

"Then, I started thinking of bright and shiny and something magnetic to the eye," said Patterson, who has been decorating Kaps' windows since 1979.

The end result is just that – oversized white boxes wrapped in shiny silver ribbon.

"We realize that a lot of people walk Main Street and as many as 20 times that drive by every day. And, these people are aware of the windows," Patterson said.

At Vena Coco Collection located in Olde Andover Village, Kathy Doyle said "windows are a big draw year round." Vena Coco's window gets more formal at holiday time, but the importance of an attractive window never gets dressed down, she said.

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IN BRIEF

■ BUSINESS MAKEOVERS

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Lazarus House's Sparkle Cleaning Co. job trainees.

The young women enjoyed a full menu of services from waxing to make-up at the Andover premier skin-care salons, Esthetiques Par Kiki.

Hair-care salon Marissa Michaels colored, cut, styled and applied makeup, giving each woman a new look.

At Your Fingertips professionals applied the finishing touches to their nails.

Marissa Michaels is also accepting donations of professional business clothing to help the women better prepare for professional jobs once they graduate from Lazarus House's job training program.

Brian Melanson, manager of Marissa Michaels, and his colleagues said they wanted to give back to the community, and at the same time, do something nice for those in need.

Cyrier joins Re/Max Partners

Rick Coco and Thomas Carroll, broker/owners of Re/Max Partners, announced that Andover resident Jeremy Cyrier has joined their office as a broker associate.

Specializing in residential sales, Cyrier provides real estate services throughout Massachusetts and New Hampshire. He holds a bachelor's degree in French and European studies from the University of Vermont and a master's degree in African history from the University of London.

Re/Max Partners is located at 44 Park St. Cyrier can be contacted at 978-686-5300.

Beaucaire tames Tiger inspections

Andover resident Jim Beaucaire has recently been named marketing manager for Tiger Home Inspection, the region's largest leading independent home inspection firm.

As marketing manager, Beaucaire will be responsible for communication between Tiger's staff of home inspectors and area real estate brokers, ensuring that both groups have the necessary information. His business territory will include the North Shore of Boston, from Newburyport to Clinton.

Prior to joining Tiger Home Inspection, Beaucaire was a systems information manager for a marketing database firm in Billerica, and for a telecommunications company in Waltham. A native of Stoughton, Beaucaire is a graduate of Boston College, where he earned a bachelor of arts degree in management.

An avid golfer, Beaucaire lives on Samos Lane with his wife and two children.

Spectel opens new office in Germany

Spectel, an Andover-based data and voice conferencing provider of integrated conferencing solutions, announced the opening of its Düsseldorf, Germany office.

The new office, Spectel's third European location, will focus on delivering high-impact, integrated voice and data conferencing solutions to the German, Austrian and Swiss markets.

"We have a number of very important customers located throughout Germany, Austria and Switzerland to whom we wanted to make Spectel more accessible. For this reason, in addition to the business opportunity these three countries represent, we have decided to open an office in the region," said Gerard Moore, president and CEO.

Spectel headquarters are in Dublin, Ireland, with its North American headquarters based in Andover. For more information, visit www.spectel.com.

Caporale to lead Ruotolo Associates

Ruotolo Associates Inc., an Andover-based fund-raising consultant firm for nonprofit organizations, has a new president for only the second time in its 23-year history.

George C. Ruotolo Jr., founder of the firm, who will assume the position of chairman and chief executive officer, announced the promotion of Joseph "Jay" Caporale.

"Over the last decade Jay has demonstrated a rare blend of leadership skills and problem-solving abilities that have played a critical role in our firm's direction. Making this move strengthens and energizes our position in the nonprofit community."

Two grants awarded to Physical Sciences

Sen. Edward M. Kennedy announced that Physical Sciences Inc. in Andover will receive a grant of $100,000 from the National Institute of General Medical Sciences, in the US Department of Health and Human Services. Physical Sciences will use the grant to develop new technology to research cell biology and biophysics at the sub-molecular level.

Kennedy also announced that Physical Sciences will receive a grant of $301,108 from the National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders, also in the US Department of Health and Human Services. The funds will be used to help develop a laryngeal endoscope, a type of technology that will help the hearing-impaired.

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Education

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Two Andover residents were named dean's scholars at Syracuse University.

Receiving the honors are **Rachel Charron** of 2 Sandalwood Lane, who is enrolled in Syracuse University's College of Arts and Science; and **Laura O'Connell** of 6 Fairfax Drive, who is enrolled in Syracuse University's School of Management and S.I. Newhouse School of Public Communications.

Dean's scholarships at Syracuse University are awarded to entering first-year and transfer students and recognize outstanding academic achievement. To receive a dean's scholarship, students must have strong academic credentials in high school, be active in extracurricular and community activities, and demonstrate good character and citizenship. Awards are valued at $4,000 per year and are renewable.

Amy Weiner of Andover, a junior at Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., will be participating in a Carleton Chinese seminar in China.

The off-campus program is offered during the fall term to students who are interested in Chinese culture and who have completed three terms of Chinese language classes. Upon arrival in China, students will be immersed in Chinese culture, studying Chinese calligraphy, art, Peking opera, Tai-chi, or other martial arts at Nankai University in Tianjin. Students will have many opportunities for travel to destinations – including Beijing and the Datong area, where the Shanxi province's mountains meet Inner Mongolia's grasslands – and will be assigned into teams to travel across China.

Weiner is the daughter of David and Helaine Weiner.

Local teachers were nominated for their for excellence in teaching by Tufts University students in Medford. Among those recognized for excellence this year are:

Jay Darrin, AP calculus teacher; **Ron Francis**, physics teacher; and **Fred Hopkins**, social studies teacher, all of Andover High School.

For the past 13 years, enrolling students at Tufts have been given the opportunity to nominate a teacher who markedly influenced their lives. Each year, enrolling Tufts students name those whose teaching helped mold their intellectual and personal development.

A Tufts spokesman said the school has benefited from the talent and interest of these teachers, as enrolling Tufts students are academically talented, leaders in their schools and have very high expectations.

Nearly 300 students are members of the Honors Program at UMass Lowell, including:

- **Ashley Chandler** of Andover, a sophomore in industrial management;
- **Ralph Duffer** of Andover, a junior in graphic design;
- **Keith Issa** of Andover, a sophomore in mathematics; and
- **Emma Kremer** of Andover, a sophomore in criminal justice.

The Honors Program at UMass Lowell offers a learning opportunity for highly motivated students. Admission

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REMEMBERING ALEX

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

The new banner hanging in the Andover High School gymnasium was unveiled in a special ceremony held between the girls junior varsity and varsity basketball games Tuesday night. The banner is in memory of a former player, the late Alexandra Milioitis, who died of cancer last March in her sophomore year at Andover High. The large, colorful banner lists all the teams in the conference. Instead of buying team jackets after winning the conference title last year, teammates used the money to pay for the banner. Alex's twin sister, Arianna, and her brother, Geordie, unveiled the banner in front of a packed house, which included her parents, Patti and Mark Milioitis.

FUNDRAISING

Principals see revenue-raising talks on horizon

By Ben Hellman

TOUGH TIMES HAVEN'T CHANGED the way Andover's school communities raise money – yet. Despite the failure of a tax override last spring and a looming $2.9 million budget deficit for the coming year, principals and parents haven't seen a shift this year toward what student or parent groups have been asked to contribute money.

"Fundraising is pretty similar to the past," said Bancroft Principal Scott Morrison. He says that he hasn't asked for parents or students to chip in to pay for more items this year, and that he hasn't seen a change in approach at PTO meetings he attends.

Paula Fisch, South School PTO head, says that donations have flagged "a little bit" this year. But that change could have as much to do with 45 former South families being shifted into the new High Plain Elementary district as it does the economy.

"There's going to be a public discussion in the coming months of how to raise revenues."

PETER ANDERSON, AHS PRINCIPAL

South's PTO is raising money for the same projects that it did last year. It is continuing its drive to update the school's library collection, to provide money to bring in speakers, and to provide money for individual teachers to buy supplies.

"The thing we miss the most is the teachers, and we can't provide the teachers," said Fisch. Teacher positions were cut from each of the schools after the failed tax override.

Fisch says that South's PTO isn't buying basic supplies for the school at this time, but "it's going to be different next year."

High School Principal Peter Anderson agrees. "There's going to be a public discussion in the coming months of how to raise revenues," he said.

School budget forums on Jan. 14 and 22 at West Middle School and West Elementary School could yield hints of things to come.

Anderson conjectured that ideas of how to raise money next year could come out of these meetings or in the weeks after them.

WHAT'S UP

Andover teens are serving others this holiday

By Kyra Auffermann

WHEN TALKING ABOUT THE NEEDS of those less fortunate, many people think of a homeless family on the streets of New York or the commercials seeking support for children in third-world countries. While these are valid causes and need attention, local people who are struggling to make ends meet risk being ignored.

"There's a sentiment that kids in Andover don't need anything. But Andover's like any other community, there's a lot of people working hard to get by," says Bill Fahey, directory of Andover Youth Services.

Andover's Abercrombie-clad, BMW-driving image tends to dispel the notion of poverty within the town; but in reality, there are people who rely on subsidized housing and other assistance when times, and the economy, get tough.

"My friend's dad got laid off," says a seventh-grade girl at Doherty Middle School, "so this year, for Christmas, they won't be able to have presents or anything. It's really sad."

The perceived stigma attached to having to ask for help may deter some from reaching out, says Andover High junior Danny Guy. "I think there are people who need help but don't want to admit it because of the type of town Andover is," he says.

Members of Andover's teenage population are working to assist those in the area who have talked about their situation.

"There are so many people in the world who need stuff – it's much easier to give to the people you know. To feel charitable many people have to connect," says Tim Van Wey, Andover High teacher.

This year, Andover Youth Services has connected with about 25 families, buying presents and food, to make their Christmases possible.

The students have collected money through generous donations given at the Thanksgiving Day Andover High football game and around town, as well as to the AHS Community Service Club and the AHS Santa Fund, organized by the student government.

Next December, Fahey says that AYS plans to expand its efforts to include selling Christmas trees for the cause.

This year's Santa Fund at AHS, a week-long fundraising drive collecting money from classrooms each morning, was – as described by senior class president Greg Hartwell – "amazing."

More than $7,000 was collected, with the freshman class alone raising approximately $3,000.

"The students have done a great job raising money," comments guidance department head Aixa deKelley. "I haven't seen that at other places I've worked."

The efforts of many church-sponsored youth groups, individuals, and organizations extend towards the elderly who spend their holidays in a nursing home.

Melissa Cerullo, a junior at AHS, who went caroling at Wingate Nursing Home with her youth group last year, feels that, "People disregard them, and I think it's important to reach out to help make their holidays better."

For more information about getting involved with the community, contact Eric Pellerin, faculty adviser of the Community Service Club, in the community service office at AHS; or call Bill Fahey at 978-623-8241.

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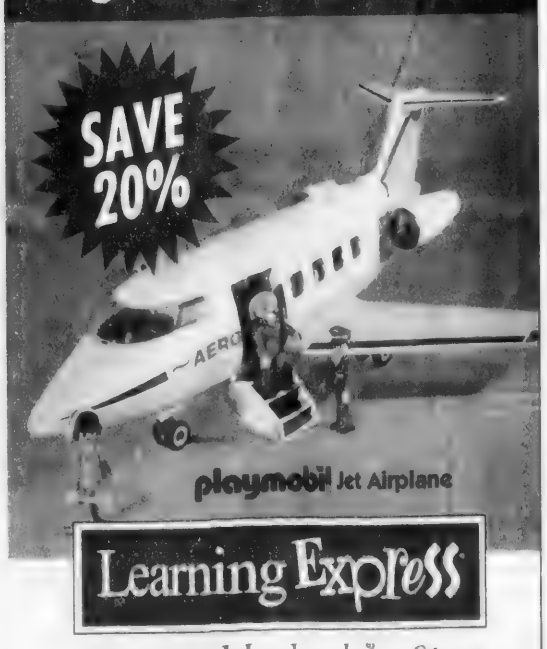

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Elizabeth Bigelow of Andover, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Trinity College, recently hosted a reception for Acting Gov. Jane Swift at the Kappa sorority house at Trinity.

Swift, a 1987 graduate of Trinity, was also a Kappa and was a member when the house was first acquired. She was pleased to meet the sisters and their families, as well as see the developments to the house over the last 15 years.

Bigelow, the daughter of Jack and Bette Bigelow, is a 1999 graduate of Andover High School. She will graduate in May with a degree in electrical engineering and has been an engineering intern at Wyeth BioPharma in Andover for the past four summers.

New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H. announced that **Brendan Smith**, a sophomore, and **Sean Smith**, a postgraduate student, have been placed on the honor roll for the 2002-03 fall term.

They are the sons of Brendan and Colleen Smith of Andover.

During the fall term, they both participated in varsity football, playing for the class B New England Superbowl Champions. During the winter term, they plan to participate in the strength training program.

Sorority sisters: Elizabeth Bigelow and Acting Gov. Jane Swift.

Andover resident **Dr. Paul Song**, associate director of the Center for Atmospheric Research and associate professor in the Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Science Department at UMass Lowell, is an editor of the new volume *Space Weather*, published by the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in its Geophysical Monograph Series.

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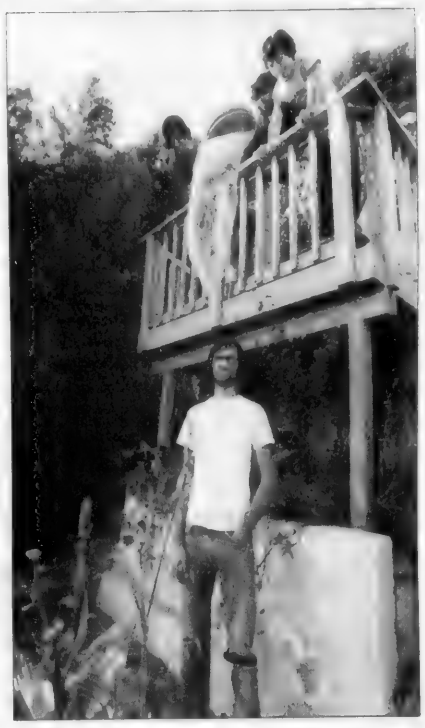

While Piebald has had a good time performing abroad and around America, Shettel thinks Andover may be the best stop yet. "We're excited about it. It'll be one of the best shows on this tour," he said. "When you live in Los Angeles, it's a much bigger deal to come home."

Band members will be at home for two weeks and then start another tour that will bring them back to the West Coast. While in Andover they will record demo clips to shop around to record labels in Los Angeles, they say.

Heaven an intriguing melodrama

MOVIE REVIEWS

Mark Billeci

'Far From Heaven'

In the wide variety of Hollywood film genres, one of the most popular, but now almost forgotten, were the melodramas or "women's pictures" of the '50s. Today's soap operas owe their very existence to these films, but the soap operas of today only mimic the films in their storylines. The directors of '50s melodramas, most notably Douglas Sirk, made their films in a sense of heightened reality. Colors seemed to burst off the screen in the sets and costumes, yet there was also a purposeful use of darkness and shadow in the more conflicted scenes.

Writer/director Todd Haynes has now made a '50s melodrama that could never have been made in the '50s. Julianne Moore plays Cathy Whitaker, a housewife in Hartford, Conn., circa 1957.

As the film is titled, her home and her life seems like heaven. Recreating the atmosphere from movies past, the production design team has created a setting lush in its colors and atmosphere.

Every view outside of the house seems like it takes place in a suburban paradise. In the home, Cathy is a happy wife with two kids and an adoring husband, Frank (Dennis Quaid), who has a great job.

But not everything is perfect; in fact, it is definitely far from heaven. Cathy and her husband clearly have not been affectionate for awhile, and Cathy soon learns it's because her husband is secretly gay.

Meanwhile, Cathy befriends her new African/American gardener Raymond, played by 24's Dennis Haysbert.

The films from the '50s were an exercise in style over substance. They were easy to admire from a film production standpoint, but their stories were fairly boring. Admittedly, I'm not in the demographic they were made for but still, most of the ones I've seen were a chore to get through. *Far From Heaven* is cinematic experiment, and while I was initially bored by the story, I was eventually swept into the story and the characters.

The issues of homosexuality and biracial relationships make it work, as they are both issues weve never seen addressed in this genre. *Imitation of Life*, one of the better Sirk films, dealt with race but in a different way.

And its really the racial story in *Far From Heaven* that made the film for me. Moore gives a great performance as a grown-up Barbie doll faced with the ruin of her place in society due to her husband's secret, and she finds solace in the time spent with her gardener. But the twist is, at this time period, she would be more shunned by talking to a black man than Frank would for being gay. Plus, what sets this film apart from the movies it's mimicking is, of course, the ability to reflect on the time period and how the choices from those who lived in it have affected the time periods of the future.

One of the most brilliant things in this movie is how Cathy and Frank act toward their children. The clichéd adage of children meant to be seen and not heard in prevalent in the movies from the '50s but back then it was presented as the way it should be. In *Far From Heaven* the kids are treated by their parents as commodities and never have a chance to find their voice or their place in their parents lives, perhaps subtly suggesting the underlying cause for the radical changes that would occur when the children of the '50s grew up in the '60s and '70s and finally decided to cry out.

All three of the leads, as well as Patricia Clarkson as Cathy's best friend, are great but it's Dennis Haysbert who offers the solid ground the movie stands on

Now, this is an "art house" film. It's only going to appeal to film buffs or fans of the forgotten genre it's experimenting with. But if you fit into either camp, it's worth seeing.

Rating: B

'Analyze That'

Someone is trying to kill former mobster Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro) in prison and Vitti's shrink, Dr. Sobol (Billy Crystal) is too busy grieving his dead father to help.

So Vitti acts like he's lost his mind to get released from prison and into the reluctant care of his shrink. This sequel isn't too concerned with plot, it just goes for one joke after another

Some are funny and some aren't but I found the movie more enjoyable than *Analyze This*, which had only a few funny moments.

De Niro is far funnier this time out. If you ever hoped to see him perform songs from *West Side Story*, now is your chance. Crystal has little to do in the film but serves as the straight man, and his subplot about grieving never really adds anything to the film.

So if you like the actors or you liked the first movie, you probably won't be disappointed, but it's not a movie you need to rush to theaters to see. It's only worth a rental.

Rating: B-

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Elizabeth Bigelow of Andover, president of Kappa Kappa Gamma at Trinity College, recently hosted a reception for Acting Gov. Jane Swift at the Kappa sorority house at Trinity.

Swift, a 1987 graduate of Trinity, was also a Kappa and was a member when the house was first acquired. She was pleased to meet the sisters and their families, as well as see the developments to the house over the last 15 years.

Bigelow, the daughter of Jack and Bette Bigelow, is a 1999 graduate of Andover High School. She will graduate in May with a degree in electrical engineering and has been an engineering intern at Wyeth BioPharma in Andover for the past four summers.

New Hampton School in New Hampton, N.H. announced that **Brendan Smith**, a sophomore, and **Sean Smith**, a postgraduate student, have been placed on the honor roll for the 2002-03 fall term.

They are the sons of Brendan and Colleen Smith of Andover.

During the fall term, they both participated in varsity football, playing for the class B New England Superbowl Champions. During the winter term, they plan to participate in the strength training program.

Sorority sisters: Elizabeth Bigelow and Acting Gov. Jane Swift.

Andover resident **Dr. Paul Song**, associate director of the Center for Atmospheric Research and associate professor in the Environmental, Earth and Atmospheric Science Department at UMass Lowell, is an editor of the new volume *Space Weather*, published by the American Geophysical Union (AGU) in its Geophysical Monograph Series.

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PIEBALD'S LEAD SINGER, TRAVIS SHETTEL (AT RIGHT), ABOUT TO GET DOUSED BY HIS BANDMATES

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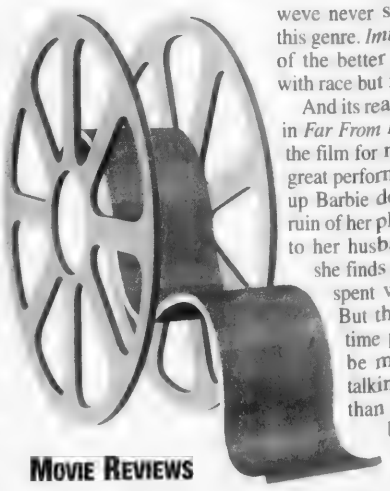
While Piebald has had a good time performing abroad and around America, Shettel thinks Andover may be the best stop yet. "We're excited about it. It'll be one of the best shows on this tour," he said. "When you live in Los Angeles, it's a much bigger deal to come home."

Band members will be at home for two weeks and then start another tour that will bring them back to the West Coast. While in Andover they will record demo clips to shop around to record labels in Los Angeles, they say.

Heaven an intriguing melodrama



MOVIE REVIEWS

Mark Billeci

'Far From Heaven'

In the wide variety of Hollywood film genres, one of the most popular, but now almost forgotten, were the melodramas or "women's pictures" of the '50s. Today's soap operas owe their very existence to these films, but the soap operas of today only mimic the films in their storylines. The directors of '50s melodramas, most notably Douglas Sirk, made their films in a sense of heightened reality. Colors seemed to burst off the screen in the sets and costumes, yet there was also a purposeful use of darkness and shadow in the more conflicted scenes.

Writer/director Todd Haynes has now made a '50s melodrama that could never have been made in the '50s. Julianne Moore plays Cathy Whitaker, a housewife in Hartford, Conn., circa 1957.

As the film is titled, her home and her life seems like heaven. Recreating the atmosphere from movies past, the production design team has created a setting lush in its colors and atmosphere.

Every view outside of the house seems like it takes place in a suburban paradise. In the home, Cathy is a happy wife with two kids and an adoring husband, Frank (Dennis Quaid), who has a great job.

But not everything is perfect; in fact, it is definitely far from heaven. Cathy and her husband clearly have not been affectionate for awhile, and Cathy soon learns it's because her husband is secretly gay.

Meanwhile, Cathy befriends her new African/American gardener Raymond, played by *24*'s Dennis Haysbert.

The films from the '50s were an exercise in style over substance. They were easy to admire from a film production standpoint, but their stories were fairly boring. Admittedly, I'm not in the demographic they were made for but still, most of the ones I've seen were a chore to get through. *Far From Heaven* is cinematic experiment, and while I was initially bored by the story, I was eventually swept into the story and the characters.

The issues of homosexuality and biracial relationships make it work, as they are both issues weve never seen addressed in this genre. *Imitation of Life*, one of the better Sirk films, dealt with race but in a different way.

And its really the racial story in *Far From Heaven* that made the film for me. Moore gives a great performance as a grown-up Barbie doll faced with the ruin of her place in society due to her husband's secret, and she finds solace in the time spent with her gardener. But the twist is, at this time period, she would be more shunned by talking to a black man than Frank would for being gay. Plus, what sets this film apart from the movies it's mimicking is, of course, the ability to reflect on the time period and how the choices from those who lived in it have affected the time periods of the future.

One of the most brilliant things in this movie is how Cathy and Frank act toward their children. The clichéd adage of children meant to be seen and not heard in prevalent in the movies from the '50s but back then it was presented as the way it should be. In *Far From Heaven* the kids are treated by their parents as commodities and never have a chance to find their voice or their place in their parents lives, perhaps subtly suggesting the underlying cause for the radical changes that would occur when the children of the '50s grew up in the '60s and '70s and finally decided to cry out.

All three of the leads, as well as Patricia Clarkson as Cathy's best friend, are great but it's Dennis Haysbert who offers the solid ground the movie stands on.

Now, this is an "art house" film. It's only going to appeal to film buffs or fans of the forgotten genre it's experimenting with. But if you fit into either camp, it's worth seeing.

Rating: B

'Analyze That'

Someone is trying to kill former mobster Paul Vitti (Robert De Niro) in prison and Vitti's shrink, Dr. Sobol (Billy Crystal) is too busy grieving his dead father to help.

So Vitti acts like he's lost his mind to get released from prison and into the reluctant care of his shrink. This sequel isn't too concerned with plot, it just goes for one joke after another

Some are funny and some aren't but I found the movie more enjoyable than *Analyze This*, which had only a few funny moments.

De Niro is far funnier this time out. If you ever hoped to see him perform songs from *West Side Story*, now is your chance. Crystal has little to do in the film but serves as the straight man, and his subplot about grieving never really adds anything to the film.

So if you like the actors or you liked the first movie, you probably won't be disappointed, but it's not a movie you need to rush to theaters to see. It's only worth a rental.

Rating: B-

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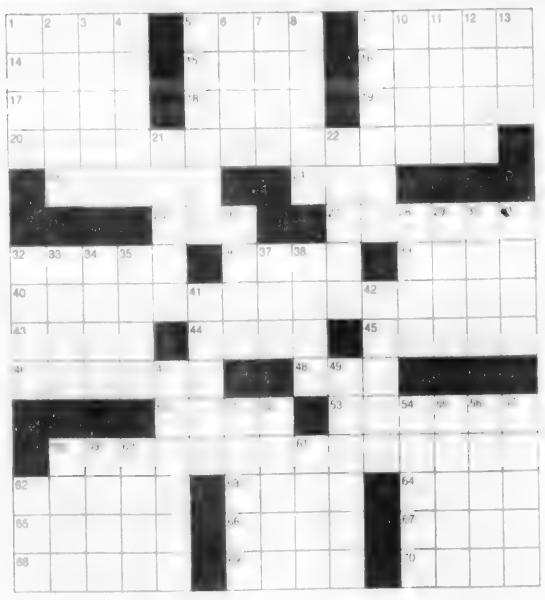

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17. Further
18. Neglect
19. Small and round
20. Had a good night
23. A plant fiber used for making rope
24. Small cubes with 1 to 6 spots on the faces
25. A point conceded
27. Establish by law or with authority
32. Shoots the breeze
36. A blue dye
39. River in Florence
40. Football placement
43. Herbaceous plant
44. About aviation
45. Designed chairs
46. Anger
48. A sign of assent, salutation, or command
50. Resist authority (slang)
53. Rented
58. Common pairing in ads
62. Defied
63. Move upward
64. Recurring only at long intervals
65. Enzyme
66. Twilights
67. About ear
68. Criterions
69. Social skill
70. Try to locate

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1. Tennis statistics
2. Rings up
3. Japanese ancestry
4. Oceanic abysses
5. God of light
6. Women's undergarment
7. __ Erikson, psychologist
8. Went out with
9. One who talks too much
10. Ancient Greek City
11. Thick piece of something
12. Small West Indian bird
13. An enclosure for swine
21. Torquato __, Italian poet 1544-95
22. Garlic mayonnaise
26. Bullfighting maneuver
28. Fallow deer
29. Biblical name of ancient Syria
30. William ____: U.S. playwright
31. No No No
32. Dressed
33. Fissures
34. Later
35. ____ off; hit the ball hard
37. Company that rings receipts
38. Metal shackles
41. More further
42. She aided Jason in taking the Golden Fleece from her father
47. Wears away
49. First in time
51. Hat with no brim or bill
52. Bhakti sect
54. Hairstyles
55. Propose
56. Suggestive of the supernatural
57. Slang for poor merchandise
58. Affliction
59. Amounts of time
60. Celebration, abbr.
61. 1, abbr.
62. Insecticide

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Seniors in motion program, for seniors and disabled individuals with needed mobility assistance; 800-594-1225.

Support group meetings, Northeast Rehabilitation Health Network, 70 Butler St., Salem, N.H.: AA, every Saturday 7-8:30 p.m., AA Friendship Line, Derry, N.H. 603 432-4520.

Support group meetings: Amputees, second Sunday of the month, 2-3 p.m.; Lorraine Stevens, 603-893-2900, Ext. 472.

Support group meetings: Arthritis, first Wednesday of the month, 7 p.m., Jennie Paulette 1-800-639-2113.

Support group meetings: Diabetes, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8:30 p.m., Mary Breen 603-898-5023.

Support group meetings: Stroke Club, third Wednesday of the month, 6:30-8 p.m.

Support group meetings: Stroke patient support group, first Wednesday of the month, 6-7 p.m., Paula Hartwell-Bell 603-887-5769, after 6 p.m.

Stroke support group for families and friends, third Wednesday of the month, 7-8 p.m.; Rene Baxter (508) 373-2901.

Support group, Surviving the Death of a Loved One, New Hall, St. Basil's Salvatorian Center, 30 East St., Methuen; Patti at Merrimack Valley Hospice, 800-475-8335 Ext. 4539.

Support group, Visiting Nurse Hospice offers a bereavement support group for adults coping with the loss of a loved one, VNA of Middlesex-East & Visiting Nurse Hospice, lakeside Office Park, 607 North Ave., second floor, door 17, Wakefield; Kathleen Sawyer, LICSW 718-224-3399.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) meets every third Thursday of the month, 7 p.m., United Methodist Church, North Andover; 978-475-0875.

Al-Anon meets Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., St. William's Church basement, Main Street, Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Caregivers support group, sponsored by Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley, first and third Tuesday of each month, 10-11 a.m., 360 Merrimack Street, Building 5, Lawrence; Chris Costello 978-683-7747, Ext. 423.

AIDS Action of Andover Mothers Group, for mothers and other family members of people who are HIV positive or have AIDS, twice monthly; 978-470-2626.

Easter Seal stroke support groups, 1-800-922-8290.

The Greater Lawrence Alliance for the Mentally Ill (AMI), meets every third Thursday, First United Methodist Church, 57 Peters St., North Andover, 7-9 p.m., 978-475-0875.

Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley Chapter, meets second Monday of the month, McQuade Library, Merrimack College, 7:30 p.m.; Leslie 978-475-6960.

Separated-divorced nondenominational support group, meets every Monday, 7:30 p.m, Parish Center, 1 St. Augustine Drive, all are welcome; Chuck Chambers 978-685-7238, or Klara Vajda 978-475-7358.

Nicotine Anonymous, meets weekly, Faith Lutheran Church, 360 S. Main St., 7:15-8:30 p.m.; 978-475-0183.

Coalition for the Preservation of Fatherhood, Merrimack Valley chapter, Senior Citizens Center, 10 Welcome St., Haverhill, meets second and fourth Tuesdays each month, 7 p.m.; Alan Finger 978-372-2648.

Domestic violence drop-in group, sponsored by Women's Resource Center, new topic introduced each week, short film and discussion, Tuesdays 7-8 p.m., Fridays 10 a.m.-noon, Trinity Episcopal Church, 26 White St., Haverhill; 978-373-4041, 978-374-8119.

Parents, Families, and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, Merrimack

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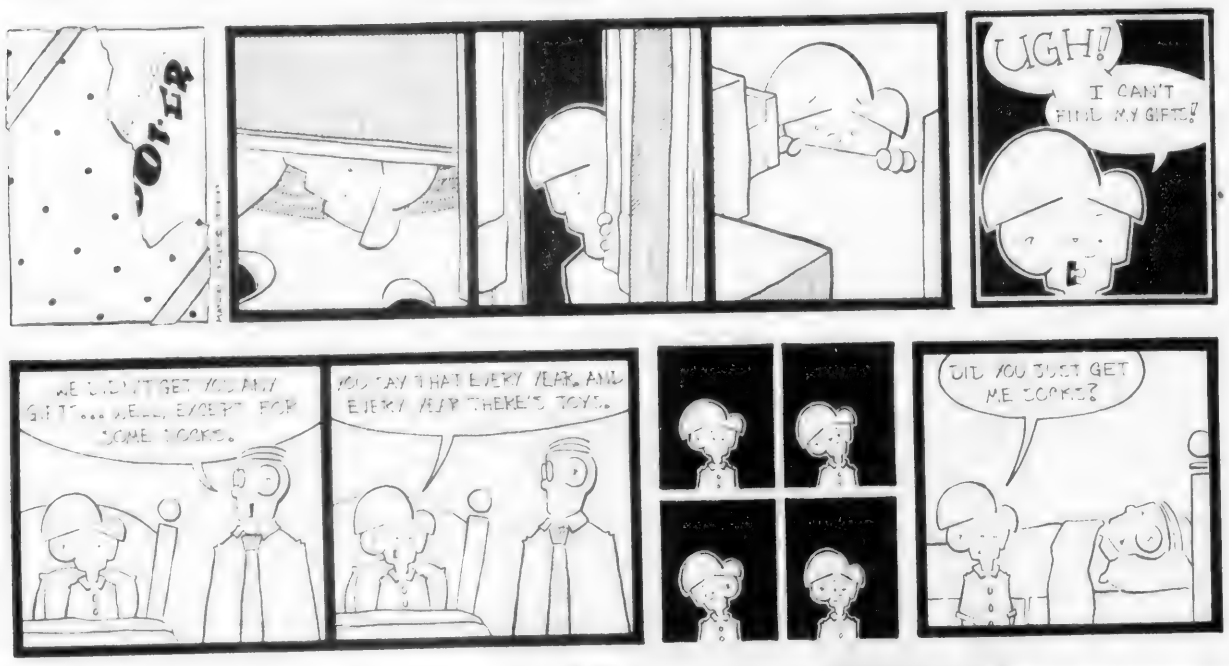
ENTERING ANDOVER

By Neil Fater and Don Mathias



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Valley Chapter holds monthly meetings, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover.

Psoriasis support group, sponsored by National Psoriasis Foundation, meets the first Wednesday of each month, 7-9 p.m., Heritage at North Andover, 700 Chickering Road, North Andover; Patricia Wood 978-475-2774.

Prostate cancer support group, meets third Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m., Holy Family Hospital and Medical Center Auditorium, 70 East St., Methuen; Ron L'Heureux 978-687-0156, Ext. 2021.

Reading arthritis support and education group, meets first Wednesday of the month, 1-2:30 p.m.; at the Center, 49 Pleasant St., Reading; Judy Burgess (617) 944-0653, Reading Elder Services (617) 942-9056 or Arthritis Foundation, 1-800-766-9449.

Single parent group, meets the second Sunday of each month from 2:30-4 p.m. at First Church Congregational, 4 Georgetown Road, Boxford; Laura 978-978-688-6528.

CoDa, Co-dependents Anonymous, a group designed to aid people in dependent relationships, meets Mondays, 7 p.m., Bellevue Congregational Church, 300 High St., Newburyport, and Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Family Mutual Bank State Line Plaza Route 125, Haverhill; David 978-978-452-3822 or Anne 978-978-686-0847.

Merrimack Valley Area Easter Seal Stroke Support Group, meets the third Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m., Andover Senior Center, 36 Bartlet St; Easter Seals (980) 922-8290.

More S.T.E.P., a follow-up peer support group for those who have completed the S.T.E.P. program, 9:15-10:45 a.m., the second Wednesday of each month, South Church, 41 Central St.; Gretchen Keohane 978-475-5711 or Janice Holden 978-475-8293.

Mother of Twins Club, meets monthly in Saugus; Allene Crusco (617) 245-3556 or Katie Monahan 664-4545.

MS Support Group, meet second Monday of the month, Saint Francis Church Hall, Dracut, Judy 974-9228 or Maureen 459-6203.

Parents without Partners Minuteman Chapter 817, newcomers orientation meeting, second and fourth Tuesdays of month, St. Margaret's Parish Hall, 111 Winn St., Burlington, 7:30 p.m.; 978-667-6834.

Parents Anonymous, meets weekly in Haverhill, Lowell and Lawrence, no fees or dues; 1-800-882-1250.

Perinatal loss support group, for parents who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth or newborn, first and third Thursday of every month, 7:30-9 p.m., first floor conference room, Anna Jaques Hospital, Newburyport. 978-463-1175.

Pre-Alateen meetings for ages 6-12 held Thursdays, 6:30 p.m., Pines of Tewksbury, 2580 Main St. Tewksbury; Dottie 978-851-7655.

Nicotine Anonymous, a support group to help stop the nicotine habit, meets every Wednesday evening, 7-8 p.m., Faith Lutheran Church, 360 South Main St.

North Andover Support Group for families dealing with aging issues and Alzheimer's disease, second and fourth Tuesday of each month, at Nevins North Andover Adult Day Health Center, 3 Great Pond Road, North Andover; 794-07436.

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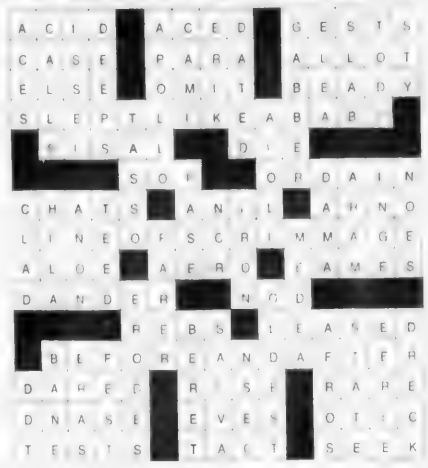

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Sports

Varsity teams don't waste time idling

Girls basketball, boys swim team each start the winter season off with a pair of victories

By Rick Harrison

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BOYS BASKETBALL

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Andover 73
Tewksbury 55

[illegible] 12 rebounds and [illegible]

Jack Barrett drives toward the hoop for the Warriors.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

[illegible] Conference Division 1 champions did it with defense, chalking up a pair of low-scoring victories over Tewksbury (42-36) and archrival Central Catholic (39-25).

The Andover girls have now won 18 straight MVC games since a 54-53 loss to Central Catholic on Feb. 5, 2001.

They are also 43-1 in conference games since the beginning of the 1999-'00 season.

"These were two pretty 'ugly' wins — but in no way can I fault our kids," said coach Jim Tildsley. "It's going to take awhile before everything meshes because we're inexperienced except for Jenny (Muller) and Ashley (McLaughlin).

"We had a lot of turnovers and shot poorly from the floor in the first two games. But we're playing outstanding defense.

"To hold Central to 14 points in the first half and 25 in the game is pretty remarkable," said Tildsley. "That's how we're going to win a lot of our games this season — on the defensive end of the floor. Fifty points is going to be a big game for us."

Schedule

AHS plays at Lawrence High tomorrow night (7:30), and opens defense of its Greater Lawrence Christmas Tournament championship next Thursday night with a semifinal round game at Methuen High against the host Rangers (7:30).

Warrior pair cited

AHS junior Ashley McLaughlin is a first-team forward and Jenny Muller a second-team guard on the recently-published School Sports "Boston's Best Local Basketball Players to Watch" list.

Andover 42
Tewksbury 36

The visiting Lady Warriors had trouble getting untracked in their season opener, as upstart host Tewksbury hung around for the whole game but did not have enough to pull off the upset.

The locals moved out to a 24-16 halftime lead and then fought back a TMHS second-half rally.

"Tewksbury was fired up. They have an athletic team and they played well," said coach Tildsley. "We jumped ahead 10-0 at the start and then got complacent. We coasted a bit before making a nice run at the end of the first half to build the lead back to eight."

The locals saw another 10-point advantage cut to just one in the second half, but two buckets including a crucial put-back by junior center Colleen Haugh brought the lead back to five in the closing minutes.

As anticipated the winners' offense was led by the returning starters, Capt. Jenny Muller tossing in a game-high 18 points and junior forward Ashley McLaughlin contributing 13.

McLaughlin also contributed 14 rebounds and blocked three shots, while Muller passed out four assists and had five steals.

Sophomore guard Jackie Powers helped the attack with four points, junior forward Matia Kostakis netted three points, Haugh had her key basket and senior guard Merry Fish converted a pair of free throws.

Powers also had three steals, Fish three assists and two steals, Samantha Hughes 10 rebounds, two steals and Kostakis nine boards.

AHS struggled from the floor, hitting only 17-of-63 shots for an icy 27 percent.

Andover 39
Central Catholic 25

The Lady Warriors' home opener Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym was a defensive battle from opening tap to final horn.

Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin once again hit double figures and played terrific all-around games.

Muller produced a game-high 16 points to go with four assists and four steals, while A-Mac followed with 10 points, a game-high 15 rebounds and a Shaq-like seven blocked shots.

Junior forward Matia Kostakis was instrumental in the triumph with eight points, 12 boards and three blocks.

Also contributing to the offense were Colleen Haugh with four points and Samantha Hughes one free throw.

Sophomore guard Jackie Powers had three steals, two assists and senior guard Merry Fish three assists.

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AHS PREVIEWS

Turnout 'incredible': 275 sign up for boys and girls indoor track teams

By Rick Harrison

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INDOOR TRACK

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[illegible] beginning his 26th season as AHS indoor track coach.

[illegible] outdoor head coach [illegible] who specializes in the hurdles, [illegible] Sullivan (shot putters) and [illegible] Warne (middle and long distance runners).

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[illegible] skip this Saturday's [illegible] at the Reggie Lewis Center [illegible] return to the oval Friday [illegible] versus Billerica (10 [illegible] MHS teams are 0-1 after get[illegible] Central Catholic earlier this [illegible]

Andover girls

[illegible] girls are coming off an 8 [illegible] placed second in the [illegible] Conference Division 1 [illegible]

[illegible] graduates from that team were Natasha Camilo, Lindsay Durkin, Katie Gustin, Betsy Miller, Alyson Fortier, Chrissy Vanderheiden and Patricia Wong.

This year's youthful crew of 150 includes about 50 freshmen and 60 sophomores.

Top hurdlers are junior Alison Kerivan, senior Monica Ortiz and sophomores Meghan Keefe and Myrian Kearn.

Expected to score in the 50 dash are junior Charlene Fielding, sophomore Jenny Dlesk and freshman Caroline Pierce.

Other sprinters in the 300 dash include senior Capt. Ashley Faulk, junior Amanda Carlson and freshmen Brittany Pierce (Caroline's twin) and Kelly McGowan.

Senior Capt. Stephanie Casper, who placed fourth in last year's Eastern Mass. Class A Meet and seventh at the All-State Meet, heads the list of competitors in the 600-yard run.

Casper is coming off a very successful field hockey season (Conference MVP and All-Scholastic).

Senior Capt. Carolyn Berberian, junior Emily Gentile and sophomore Emily Korba should also do well in this event.

In the 1000 run it will be senior Amanda Buchholz, junior Emily Farmer and sophomores Leslie Willey and Anastasia Sullivan.

Top milers are senior Capts. Bristol Konjoian, Lauren Woo and sophomore Alice Yuan.

Sophomore Roopa Chari and juniors Jazzy Dingler and Lindsay Dodge are 2-mile candidates.

Shot putters are senior Erica Durie and sophomores Felicia Thompson, Kendall Toland and Sullivan.

High jumpers include senior Becca Fink, sophomore Corinne Walsh and Kerivan.

Also expected to contribute regularly are senior sprinter Grace Farnham, junior sprinter Lauren Doxey, senior middle distance runner Amy Palmieri, junior distance runners Amy Stewart and Sarah Bartmetler, and sophomore hurdlers Zara Golden and Kelly Morrissey.

Coach Iworsley expects perennial power Chelmsford (1-0), Central Catholic (1-0) and Lowell to be strong in the MVC this winter.

Andover boys

The AHS boys graduated several outstanding individual talents from last year's 5-4 team including Bruce Brown, Chris Callison, Jason Crabbe, Ajay Sisodia, Mike Donahue, Brian Durie and Alex Gostanian.

Also missed will be Alan Clark, Sam Nigh, Matt Nitzburg, Andy Voorhees, Frank Yang, Hugh Zhang and Dan Sibulesky.

Leading the way for this year's team in the 50 hurdles will be junior Vin Errico, sophomore Chris Cole and the freshmen trio of Buddy Farnham, Adam Comeau and Greg Levis.

Sprint competitors include juniors Tyler Hopkins, Anthony Perry and Bruce Hillman, sophomores Alex Perry and Robert Kaufman, freshman Jason Sheldon, senior Dan Mullen and senior Capt. Jeff Rubinowitz.

Tops in the 600 middle-distance races should be senior Capt. Taylor Hender, sophomore Matt Malloy and freshmen Kyle Smith and Brad Durkin.

In the 1000 juniors Jeff Sawyer, Mark Radlinski, sophomore James Primes and freshman Seth Johnson hope to produce points.

Senior Capt. Phil Shaw, fresh off an injury-free and outstanding cross country season, is the top miler and will be backed by juniors Brad Sherman, Pat Twomey and Matt Hill.

Junior Ryan Durkin will be the ace in the deuce (2-mile), joined by senior Capt. Jeff Begley, sophomore Jim Muller and soph twins Sasha and Oleg Seletsky.

Golden Warriors shot putters are junior Jason Shoemaker and the sophomore trio of Kyle McKenzie, Mike Cerchione and Mike Gustin.

Senior Dan Calderon, junior Tony Camilo and Hopkins are working hard in the high jump.

Also expected to contribute are junior sprinter Brad Whiting and junior high jumper Chris Travers.

Currently on the shelf with injuries are senior shot putter and Capt. Russell Stevens and junior sprinter Ryan Donahue (pulled quadracep).

Coach Iworsley anticipates Methuen (1-0), Central Catholic (1-0) and Lowell will be teams to beat in the MVC.

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Larry Robinson Road Race

ROBINSON RACE

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was a key organizer. Bill Fahey, Andover Youth Services director, had about 50 student volunteers on the scene at 6:30 a.m. on Sunday. That prompted Dennehy to call Fahey "the Pied Piper," because kids just kept showing up to help.

Runners and walkers took part in a 5K version, along with the 10-mile road race.

Here are the top finishers:

5K race

• Ryan Durkin, 16, of Andover, 17:48.

• JJ Feigenbaum, 16, of Andover, 19:18.

• Jennifer Brooks, 23, of Brighton, 20:22.

10-mile race

• Dan Verrington, 40, of Bradford, 56 minutes flat (new course record, by 6 seconds).

• Caroline Kondoleon, 28, town unknown, 65:09.

• Dan Serna, 17, of Andover, was first in the 18 and under age group with a time of 69:08 (54th overall finisher).

Next year's race is already scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 14.

PHOTOS BY BENNETT RUDOMEN

5K race winner Ryan Durkin, 16, of Andover.

10-mile race winner Dan Verrington, 40, of Bradford, who set a new course record.

AHS Roundup

GIRLS BASKETBALL

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Andover led 24-14 at the half.

Central, which swamped an over-matched Notre Dame Academy-Tyngsboro team 60-9 in its season opener, did not have a player in double figures and managed only nine field goals in 32 minutes.

Casey Grange was the top scorer for the Raiders with seven points and Ashley Riley added five.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

The Andover High boys swim and dive team rode double individual wins by underclassmen Sean Geary, Nick Saunders and Jon Meltz to a 103-71 Merrimack Valley Conference dual-meet romp over Haverhill Tuesday afternoon at the White Natatorium in Haverhill.

In the season opener four days earlier at Lowell High's Riddick Field House pool, the Golden Warriors placed first in only four of 12 events but came away with a 94-86 triumph over the host Red Raiders.

The locals made up the points with their superior depth, grabbing nine second places and nine thirds.

Schedule

Coach Mark Taffe's squad returns to MVC competition Jan. 3 against Central Catholic at the Lowell High pool (5:30 p.m.), and Jan. 7 the locals host perennial conference champ Chelmsford High at the Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech pool (3:30).

Andover 94
Lowell 86

Individual winners for AHS were freshman Rob Medaglio in the 200-yard freestyle (2:09.4), junior sprinter Ben Carter in the 50 free (23.80) and junior Nick Saunders in the 100 butterfly (57.30).

Sophomore Jon Meltz added a pair of runner-up finishes in the 500 free and 200 IM races.

Junior veteran Paul D'Ambrosio was second in the 100 free and third in the 100 backstroke, and sophomore Chris Mullen took second in the 200 free and third in the 100 free.

Other runners-up were freshman one-meter diver Joe Savoca, junior Joe Reynolds (100 back) and sophomore Tom Avila (100 breaststroke).

Freshman R.J. Samuels nailed down a pair of third places in the 200 IM and 100 breaststroke.

Adding a third-place each were Saunders (50 free), Capt. Mike Avila (100 fly) and Medaglio (500 free).

Andover relay teams were 1-2 in the 200 free and 2-3 in both the 200 medley and 400 free races.

Sean Geary did not compete in this meet, having received an MIAA waiver to swim in a special invitational meet at Rutgers University in New Jersey.

Ethan Brown had a big day for Lowell, winning the 500 free (5:23.2) and 100 backstroke (1:00.00) while also anchoring the victorious 200 free relay and swimming the first leg on the winning 200 medley relay.

Andover 103
Haverhill 71

The outcome was never in doubt as Andover placed first in 10 of the 12 events and swept the three relays.

Junior Sean Geary, back from Rutgers, made an auspicious season debut as he won the 200 free (1:53.15) and 500 free. The defending state champ in the 500 touched first in 5:04.60 and won the race by 50 seconds.

Geary also anchored a pair of victorious relays, the 200 free with Nick Saunders, Rob Medaglio and Paul D'Ambrosio (1:43.19) and the 400 free with freshman R.J. Samuels, Chris Mullen and Jon Meltz (3:52.40).

Meltz was tops in the 200 IM (2:16.87) and 100 backstroke (1:02.80), while Saunders posted his double in the 50 free (24.06) and 100 butterfly (58.00).

Meltz and Saunders were joined by Tom and Mike Avila on the first-place 200 medley relay (1:54.62).

Joe Savoca won the one-meter diving with 107.10 points.

Mullen was runner-up in both the 200 free (2:14.31) and 100 free (57.60).

Other Andover seconds went to Mike Avila in the 50 free (25.88), Medaglio in the 100 fly (1:07.75), Samuels in the 500 free (5:54.60) and Tom Avila in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.40).

D'Ambrosio was third in the 100 back (1:13.78) and Medaglio in the 100 breast (1:18.25).

Adding fourths were Samuels (200 IM, 2:30.00), Ben Carter (50 free, 28.20) and D'Ambrosio (100 free, 1:01.50). Tom Avila was fifth in the 200 free (2:30.70).

The Golden Warriors also placed third in each of the relays.

Joe Reynolds, Samuels, Medaglio and Carter took third in the 200 medley relay (2:08.59).

The 200 free foursome consisted of Mullen, Carter, Zac Broomfield and Mike Avila (1:52.20) while D'Ambrosio, Reynolds, Broomfield and Mike Avila comprised the 400 free crew (4:27.13).

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Junior forward Ashley Malins scored both goals for the Lady Warriors, while junior goaltender Dolly Beechinor turned in a strong 24-save effort, as the locals battled to a 2-2 North Cape League tie with Westford Academy at the Groton School Rink.

Schedule

Andover hosted Wilmington last night at the Phillips Academy Smith Rink, and Saturday night (7:20 p.m.) the locals host Masconomet Regional of Topsfield at the PA Harrison Rink.

Andover 2
Westford Academy 2

After falling behind 1-0 to first-year team Westford, AHS netted both its goals in the second period.

Malins tied the game midway through the middle session during a 5-on-3 power play advantage, the assists credited to freshman forward Maria Nasta and Adrienne Shea.

Malins gave AHS a 2-1 advantage late in the period with her second goal, set up by sophomore forward Kim Chandler.

Westford notched the equalizer midway through the final period on its own 5-on-3 power play opportunity.

Westford finished with a 26-20 shots-on-goal edge.

"We came out flat in the first period before picking it up in the second and third," said Lady Warriors' coach Bill McCarthy.

"Westford may be a first-year team, but it has two very competent coaches and they're better than any team we faced last year.

"We're still juggling lines and struggling a little on defense," said McCarthy. "It's early (in the season) and there are no quick solutions. Fortunately Malins and Beechinor played very well in the opener."

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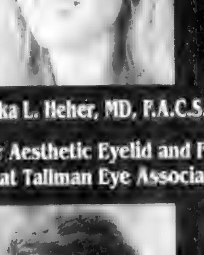

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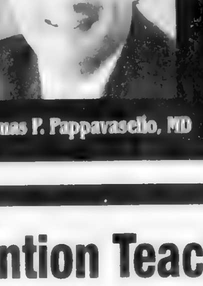

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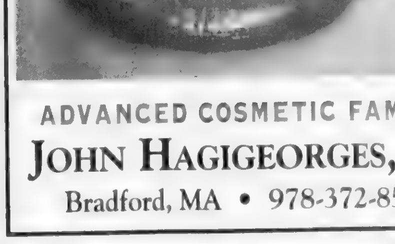

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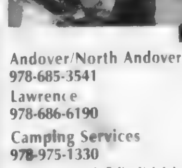

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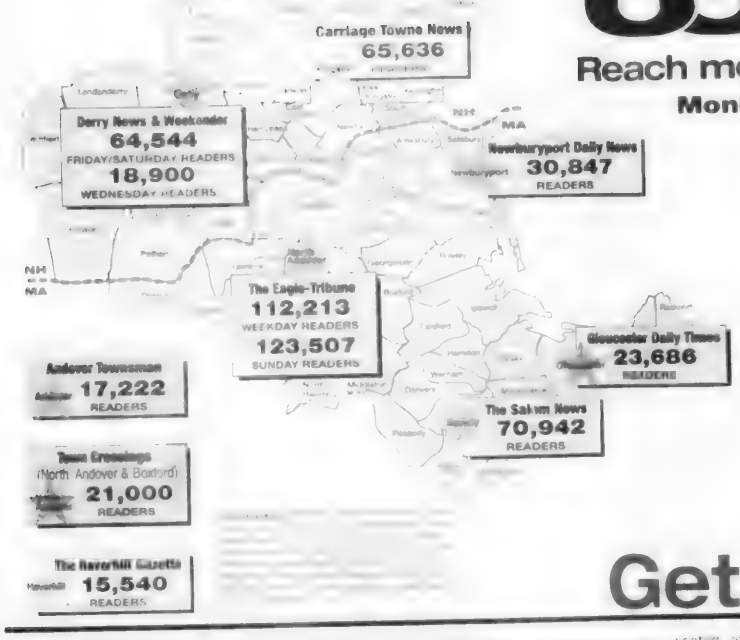

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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Essex Division
Docket No.02C0241CA1
In the Matter of
MICHAEL BURTON ICKES
of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in a petition described: AND TO DAVID BURTON ICKES.

A petition has been presented praying that MICHAEL BURTON ICKES by his next friend SUSAN K. DAVIS of ANDOVER in the County of ESSEX be allowed to change his name as follows:

MICHAEL BURTON ICKES
TO
MICHAEL BURTON DAVIS-ICKES

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORNOON (10:00 AM) ON **JANUARY 13, 2002.**

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, December 9, 2002
Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of Probate
December 19, 2002

Commonwealth Of Massachusetts The Trial Court Probate And Family Court Department ESSEX Division Docket No. 02P2834EP1
In the ESTATE of SAMUEL ROSEN
Late of ANDOVER
In the County of ESSEX
Date of Death October 12, 2002
NOTICE OF PETITION FOR PROBATE OF WILL

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented praying that the last will of said decedent be proved and allowed, and that CHARLES ROSEN of NEWTON In the County of MIDDLESEX be appointed executor, named in the will to serve without surety.

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In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, December 9, 2002.
Pamela Casey O'Brien Register of Probate Court
December 19, 2002

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12 Business Opportunities

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HAVERHILL MA Reduced Condex 3 bedrooms, 2 marble fireplaces $172,900 dropped price from $169,900 New Listing Large 2 family on 1 acre garage $309,000 INVESTORS-6 UNITS REDUCED! loads of parking, lead certs. $349,900 COUNTRY locale- 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, dead-end, garage $239,900 ERA Brooks & Di-An Realty ☎978-372-1561 ☎978-374-0144 www.erabrooksanddian.com

LAWRENCE MA oversized ranch hardwood floors new roof windows siding, kitchen floor above ground pool family oriented neighborhood $244,900 978-686-[illegible]

METHUEN EAST MA 4 bedroom bath detached garage newly painted hardwood floors fenced yard Won't last $239,900 Proper ties Unlimited 978-686-0408

METHUEN EAST MA New listing 7 rooms, 4 bedrooms 2.5 baths 2 garages $309,900 Yameen R.E. 978-682-[illegible]435

METHUEN Homestead Acres 8 room 4 bedroom Colonial 2 fireplaces 2 car garage in-ground pool $364,900

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978-475-1121

METHUEN Large 2 family 2 rooms garage nice yard Parking $305,900 Swan Realty ~ 978-688-2326

31NH Homes NH

DANVILLE NH-New to market 7 room 2 bath home handicap access on over 2 acres $279,900 PLAISTOW NH-NEW listing, 3 bedroom pool circular drive Ranch $249,900 ERA Brooks & Di-An Realty ☎978-372-1561 ☎978-374-0144 www.erabrooksanddion.com

DERRY, NH: Pristine 3 bedroom 2 bath Split Entry Ranch 1 acres, 50 deck, hardwood file $293,900 Pro sale 603 275 5800

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HAMPSTEAD, NH- access + view of Big Island Pond, fireplace, deck, 2 car garage neighborhood $269,900 LESLIE RIEMITIS AGENCY 603-329 4580 eslierealtor@aol.com

HAMPSTEAD NH Waterfront Specialists Properties available Big Island R.E. 603-329-5903 www.bigislandre.com

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NEWTON, NH - Oversized 28x44 Cape, farmers porch, all on a flat lot $319,900. 603-382-1669 or 603-234-1459

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32 Condos/Townhomes

HAVERHILL MA - 2 bedroom end unit just renovated in new Smooth quiet complex Commuters delight Fee includes Heat Hot water $132,000 978-807 9173

HAVERHILL, MA
SPARKLING 4 levels, West Meadow tree house unit, $257,900 978-360-4279
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LAWRENCE MA Adorable 4 room, 2 bedroom town house in super Prospect Hill area, full basement central A/C, plenty of closet space $142,900. JPF Real Estate, 978-682-3341.

34 Mobile Homes

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36 Lots/Acreage

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Merrimack River house lot in Methuen MA Panoramic views On conservation and located by Prides Crossing $175,000 978-807-0556

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ANDOVER, MA House for rent, 4 bedroom, Bancroft School District quiet cul de sac. $2250 per month Call 978-374-4228

ANDOVER MA. Large modern 2 bedroom 2 bath, living & dining room, kitchen cathedral ceilings $1500 978 664 688[illegible]

ANDOVER, MA Large modern 4 bedroom 2 bath, living & dining room, kitchen, cathedral ceilings $2500 978 664 688

ANDOVER MA Private beautifully restored antique in country Updated kitchen & 1.5 baths Appliances, 2 bedroom Near 93 & 495 No pets $1650+ 978-475-1177

ANDOVER, NO - Cape, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, car garage, nice yard, convenient location. $1625/mo. Prudential Howe & Doherty REALTORS 978 269 2248 Mary

ATKINSON, NH- Picturesque lot in Atkinson abuts 27 acres of conservation land, 2.5 acres, cul-de-sac clean, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths large family room with hardwood floors large finished basement with wet bar Stone fireplace large deck 2 car garage Available Jan 1st $2000/mo Call 978-808-4254

BYFIELD MA Central St & Rte 95 3 bedroom Gambrel Colonial business zoned professional location 2 car garage. $1600/mo 781 272 2899

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DERRY NH - Spacious 3 bedroom duplex located in nice Derry neighborhood Washer dryer hookups, newly renovated kitchen, off st parking easy access to 93 Walking distance to town and schools. $1300/mo. Call 603-571-0333

GROVELAND MA - 3 bedroom split entry ranch at end of cul-de-sac. Private wooded lot, 12X20 deck, hardwood floors, central air $1695 Call 978 373 4462

HAVERHILL MA Antique 2 bedroom cottage gorgeous kitchen wood floors nice yard/gardens. $1300 mo+ utilities. 978-372-8868

HAVERHILL, MA- Rocks Village 3 bedroom Cape Nice home great location $1600/mo + utilities Call Mike Duong for all the details Re/Max Main Street Assc 978 373-6033

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SALEM NH 2 bedroom Condex new carpets floors, & appliances garage walk up attic fireplace $1450.00 SELMA'S RE 603-893-8830

SALEM NH 3-4 bedroom 1.5 bath on acre fireplaced family garage quiet neighborhood fenced yard, $1775 Mo Call 603-894-4645

SALEM NH - 3 bedroom cape corner lot hook ups porch, parking $1595 lease No utilities No pets 603 898 7974 or 603 893 0292

SALEM NH Available 2/03 6 room 3 bedroom Cape 1306 sq ft year lease no smoking utilities or pets $1400 per month
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ATKINSON NH Duplex 2 bedroom, bath car garage full basement, near shopping & 495, $1350 Ask for Victor 603 382 9249

HAVERHILL MA-
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HAVERHILL MA Historic district 2 bedroom exposed brick designer kitchen storage, parking steps to train Must see $875 KRE 978 374 4784

HUDSON NH Don't miss this Luxury 2 bedroom 1.5 bath townhome 1400 sq ft hookups $1500 mo easy high way access 603 669 [illegible] X223

METHUEN MA Danbury by Loop spotless 2 bedroom bath parking $875 heated KRE 978 374 4784

METHUEN, MA Large bedroom condo off 213 storage, $650 heated 978 374 4784

SALEM NH Near 93 Clean & quiet super nice 1 & 2 bed rooms Some newly remodeled [illegible] Heat hot water $850 + up 603-893 5726

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DERRY NH 2nd floor in over by Victorian 3 bedroom hookups, storage Heat hot water included $1350 mo Pater RE Mgmt 603 437 0771

DERRY, NH Large duplex 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath hardwood floors, no heat hookups full basement deck yard $1175 mo plus utilities 603 434 0972

LONDONDERRY NH Duplex Renovated 2 bedroom, appliances deck deposit, great yard $1500 a month Call 603-434 5272

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HAVERHILL MA 2 bed rooms off street parking laundry hookups $875 month plus utilities 1st last security 978 6[illegible]799

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HAVERHILL MA Available 1/1 2 bedroom 1st floor, new floors, being renovated, no pets, $900/mo.+ utilities 1st last $500 security 978 5[illegible]8-8799

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HAVERHILL MA Large 2 bedroom 2 bath Townhouse style New carpet tile Single family neighborhood Large yard full basement AC hookups Ready for immediate occupancy Call Ken Doher 978-469 9961 $1,095

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HAVERHILL MA One Bed room Parking laundry Emerson St near downtown Utilities separate $825 978 373 1645

HAVERHILL MA Remodeled 5.5 room 5 room 3 bedrooms hardwood floors off street parking front rear porches no smoking pets 1st last $1,050 978 697 9725

HAVERHILL MA Riverside water view owner occupied 3 bedroom hookups no pets smoking. off street parking $975+ utilities 978 887 2296

HAVERHILL MA
River St spacious 2 bed room, hardwood floors hook-ups. Private yard $950/mo plus utilities 1st last security 508-354-8609

LAWRENCE, MA 2 bedroom condo in Princeton village across from new school, $950 mo heated 3rd floor Balcony No pets 978 475-6095

LAWRENCE MA 2nd floor 5 rooms 2 bedroom, section 8 welcome. Nice area, close to school, eat in kitchen $1200 + 1/1/03 978-975-9918

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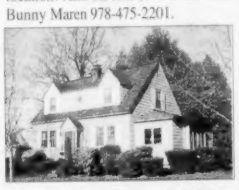

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NISSAN 240SX, 1989, red, auto, low miles, were front end body damage, still runs, $1200. Call 978-745-0187

NISSAN Altima GXE, 2000 64K miles, 5 speed, all power, cruise control, A/C, CD/tape. $8,495. 603-434-1774

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230 Trucks

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INFINITI QX4 1999.5 - 4x4, 57K, still under factory warranty, burgundy with tan leather, every available option, excellent condition, $22,000..... Call 978-372-5989

INFINITY QX4, 2001, Brilliant silver, 150 watt Bose audio system, 240 h.p. V6, Xenon headlight, ABS, sunroof, 26,000 miles. $26,500. 978-821-9181.

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231 Vans

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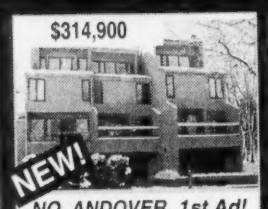
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New maple cabs, tile & appliances
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$265K - $395K

ANDOVER!
PHILLIPS ESTATE CONDOMINIUMS
15 Garden style ~ 1 & 2 bedroom units
Elegant appointments thruout
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Residences priced at $265K - $395K
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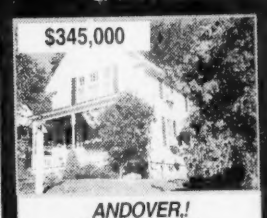
ANDOVER!
IN-TOWN LOCATION!
Completely updated 5/2/1 Colonial
New brick & cobblestone patio
Farmer's porch ~ 1 car detached garage
Walk to park, stores, restaurants, library
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$349,900

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LIBRARY AREA ~ 6 RM CAPE
Lots of closets ~ 8' ceilings on 1st flr
kitchen w/breezeway to attached gar
Convenient 1st flr BR ~ 1.5 BA ~ 3 BR
Newer roof, elect & some Anderson wndws
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$379,900

ANDOVER!
INTOWN OPPORTUNITY
Walk to town ~ Charming Colonial
Spacious fenced-in level back yard
first floor laundry ~ heated back porch
enclosed front porch ~ 8/4/1.5
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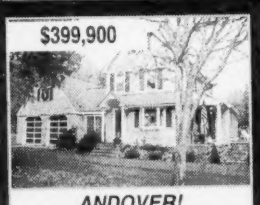
$399,900

ANDOVER!
CHARMING 6 RM RENOV. ANTIQUE
Almost 2 acres of rolling terrain
Updtd eat-in kit ~ 1st floor laundry
BA w/maple van/whirlpool tub/shower
newer roof, replacmnt windws & more
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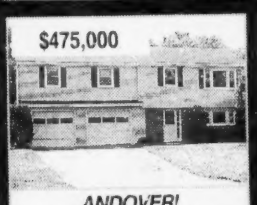
$475,000

ANDOVER!
LOCATION ~ END OF CUL-DE-SAC
10 rm ~ 5 BR ~ 2.5 updated baths
South/Doherty schools ~ Move in condition
beautifully updated kitchen ~ FP fam rm
wrap-around deck ~ in-law potential
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$429K - $488,876

VRM
ANDOVER!
BALLARDVALE VILLAGE!
Charming, 7/3/2.5 Antique home
2 staircases ~ Det brick garage/barn
Prudential Value Range Marketing #41
Seller to consider offers $429K-$488,876
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$499,000

ANDOVER!
BEAUT UPDATED CAPE ~ CUL-DE SAC
8 rm ~ 4 BR ~ 2 full baths & 1 w/Jacuzzi
Maple floors ~ New windows ~ move in
Large deck overlooking level yard
Finished lower level playroom and laundry
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$459K - $528,876

NEW PRICE!
ANDOVER!
LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!
Beautiful 1.5 acre estate setting
7 rms ~ 3 bdrms ~ 2 ba ~ 2400 sf ~ FP
Seller to entertain offers in
VRM #42 $459,000 - $528,876
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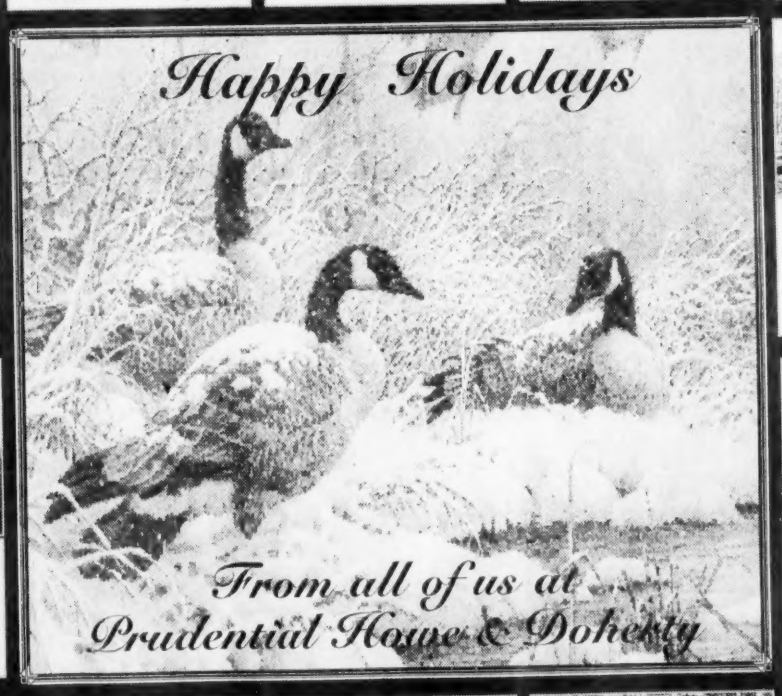
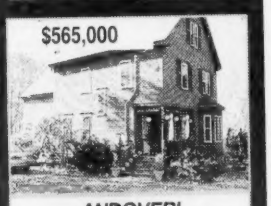


$565,000

ANDOVER!
INTOWN VICTORIAN GEM
Outstanding loc ~ 3/4 acre ~ 10/5/1.5
2 staircases ~ fam rm w/sliders to deck
Deck overlooks pool and beautiful yard
Updated 200 amp elec serv ~ Newer shed
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$604,900

NO. ANDOVER!
FOXWOOD ESTATES!
Beautiful level lot & flexible floor plan
8/4/3.5 ~ 2750+ sf ~ 1st flr master en suite
Kit/fam rm w/vaulted ceiling & FP ~ CAir
See the Boston skyline on a clear day!
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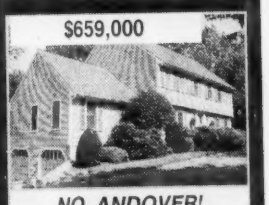
NO. ANDOVER!
LOCATION ~ HISTORIC OLDE CTR
Cul-de-sac ~ Well appointed 9+ rm Col
4 BR ~ 3 full BA ~ 3000 sf plus LL
Perfect for entertaining ~ beau HW
1st flr office ~ 2 car gar ~ screen porch
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$659,900

ANDOVER!
ABUTS AVIS LAND
Gorgeous home w/approx 3300 sf
8/4/2.5 Colonial ~ Spacious, sunny rooms
HW flrs ~ FP fam rm ~ Lrg marble foyer
Oak cabinet kitchen ~ End of cul-de-sac
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$664,900

NO. ANDOVER!
DESIRABLE BEAR HILL AREA
Stately brick front 11/4+/3.5 Colonial
top quality const ~ Huge center island kit
Cathedral ceiling fam rm ~ Screened porch
Office ~ Exercise rm ~ Fin LL ~ Acre lot
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$669,900

ANDOVER!
PHILLIPS ACADEMY AREA
Extraordinary custom built home
8/3/3 ~ first floor master
2x6 constr ~ Lrg deck ~ Brick walks
Gorgeous natural setting w/mature trees
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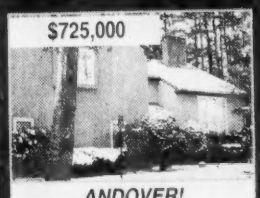
$725,000

ANDOVER!
CUSTOM BUILT TRANSITIONAL COL
9+ RM ~ 5 BR ~ 3.5 BA ~ 3400+SF
gorgeous lot and beautiful setting
Triple & double Pella Windows
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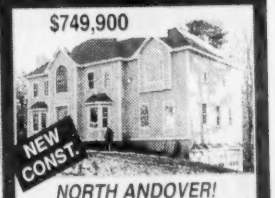
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NORTH ANDOVER!
CAMPBELL FOREST ESTATES!
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10/4/2.5 ~ 3500+ sf ~ Gran kit ~ HW ~ FP
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3 car gar ~ Master builder will customize
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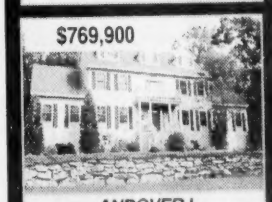
ANDOVER!
EXCEPT. COL ON ACRE WOODED LOT
3700+ sf ~ cul-d-sac ~ South School
2 story foyer ~ 11 rm ~ 5 BR ~ 2.5 BA
Kit w/white cabs/HW/Jennair ~ sunroom
Priv 2 rm mstr suite with beautiful tile BA
Another listing by Deb Perrone x206
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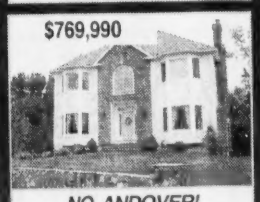
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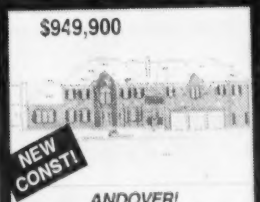
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